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Rabin, Mubarak meet in Taba today

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is to meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today in Taba, and is likely to be briefed on the Egyptian leader's talks with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd in Jidda yesterday.

Issues expected to be raised in the meeting include an update on the Jordan-Israeli breakthrough (particularly the provision concerning Jordan's special ties to Moslem holy shrines in Jerusalem) and possibilities for moving forward on the Israel-Syria track.

The prime minister is expected to hear Mubarak's report on his talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus last week.

Before Mubarak's sudden trip to Jidda yesterday, Egyptian officials reportedly said they would raise their concern about Jordan's role regarding Moslem holy shrines in Jerusalem.

Palestinians have also reportedly asked Egypt for support on this matter. Saudi Arabia, as the guardian of Mecca, has also insisted that it or the whole Arab nation should be granted a role in administering Jerusalem's Islamic holy sites.

Jordan's King Hussein, himself shunned by the Saudis due to his support for Iraq during the Gulf War, rebuffed a Saudi request to pay for the replating of Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock shrine. Instead, Hussein paid for the gold-plating of the dome.

Meanwhile, sources say Hussein phoned Rabin on Friday and suggested the two meet again shortly.

The fact that today's meeting - which is only supposed to last for several hours this afternoon - is taking place in Taba underscores Mubarak's Islamic fundamentalist predicament at home. On the one hand, Egyptian officials told reporters yesterday the venue demonstrates that Mubarak may visit Israel in the future, but

the reverse appears to be the case.

Despite multiple trips by Rabin to Egypt since taking office two years ago, Mubarak has refrained from stepping on Israeli soil because of fears of Islamic militants at home.

"We know he has problems with extremists in Egypt, and therefore we don't want to press this issue at this time," an Israeli official said.

Some Israeli officials sought to play down expectations of the Rabin-Mubarak meeting. One said it was designed more for reasons of public relations or "optics," publicly acknowledging Egypt's role in the Arab world even though Cairo was shut out of the Israel-Jordan breakthrough.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held talks with Mubarak in Cairo last Friday, but it remains unclear what Peres asked Mubarak to convey to Damascus, apart from Israel's willingness to invite all Arab leaders to attend a breakthrough conference with Syria as an illustration of comprehensive peace.

Last week, Rabin virtually dismissed Egypt's influence on Syria. Alluding to Mubarak, Rabin said, "A very senior Egyptian told me: 'Do you think Assad will give me anything? If he has anything to give, he will give it to the Americans, because he can get something in return.'"

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher has said he would return to the region during early August to discuss stalled Israel-Syrian talks. Unconfirmed reports say Christopher may arrive in Damascus on August 5 or here on August 9.

Meanwhile, Israel Radio quoted Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath as announcing that US Vice President Al Gore would visit the autonomous areas in September.

Hizbullah: US gave Israel okay to attack 'American-Zionist aggression will not pass without a response'

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH yesterday claimed the US has given Israel the go-ahead to launch major operations against the fundamentalist Shi'ite organization in Lebanon.

The allegations, broadcast on Hizbullah Radio, followed an emergency meeting of the organization's leadership at the end of the week, apparently called to coordinate strategy in the event of an IDF offensive.

"We stress that we will be faithful to the resistance, thus any American-Zionist aggression that might take place will not be a picnic and will not pass without a response of an appropriate scale," Hizbullah said. "The resistance has proven its capabilities and thus it warns the enemy and its backers from getting involved in any adventure," said the statement, read by the group's chief, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah.

The claims that America had given Israel the go-ahead to attack Hizbullah targets in Lebanon were first made in an editorial article in the *As-Safir* newspaper.

The paper said that from comments made by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, indirectly blaming Iran and Hizbullah for the Argentina and London bombings, it could be concluded that America had given its tacit consent to IDF attacks against Hizbullah.

"The American secretary of state threatens and declares war on the Islamic movement in Lebanon as if America was the victim," said Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah in his sermon at Friday prayers.

Taunting Israel, Fadlallah said: "We tell Israel, try again an act of terrorism that will only increase the people's hatred and their rejection of it... We tell you, try again to invade. We will not be defeated politically or militarily."

Meanwhile, Hizbullah hardliner Sheikh Subhi Toufeili - the man suspected of being behind the murderous Buenos Aires car-bomb attack - told a Lebanese newspaper his supporters would "kill any Jews who set foot in Beirut."

His comments follow widespread reports in the Lebanese



Sheikh Subhi Toufeili, the Lebanese Shi'ite cleric reportedly blamed by Argentina for the Buenos Aires bombing two weeks ago, denies in a Baalbek press conference on Thursday that he was behind the attack. (AP)

press that the IDF might try to hit Hizbullah targets in its stronghold in the southern suburbs of Beirut, as well as bases in south Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley.

Toufeili, interviewed in the French language *L'Orient Le Jour* newspaper, was quoted as saying that the "war against the Jews" would continue with all available means, even if the entire world signed peace treaties with them.

He also repeated a comment he made earlier this year that IAF navigator Ron Arad is no longer alive. Toufeili, one of the "founding fathers" of Hizbullah, maintained that Iran and Syria had made concerted efforts to trace Arad, but to no avail.

He stressed that he had no evidence to support his belief that Arad had been killed in an accident or by his captors. It was incomprehensible, however, that Arad's captors should not enter into negotiations for his release if

the navigator was indeed alive, he told the newspaper.

Syrian newspapers yesterday also fueled fears of an IDF offensive in Lebanon, maintaining that the alleged "impending" attacks were aimed at putting pressure on Lebanon to reach a separate peace deal with Israel.

The *Syrian Times* accused Israel of trying to forget that Syria supported Lebanon and would not hesitate to come to its aid if necessary.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri met at the end of the week with American Ambassador Mark Hambley and later with Fadlallah. Afterwards, he flew to Saudi Arabia, apparently as part of Lebanon's diplomatic efforts to put pressure on Israel to forestall any IDF offensive.

The government has already put Lebanon's army and emergency services on full alert, fearing IDF attacks in response to the

Buenos Aires and London bombings and last Monday's attacks by Hizbullah on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the security zone, in which a paratrooper officer was killed and 13 other soldiers wounded.

Israel has pledged to respond to Hizbullah's attacks last Monday in its own time and way, but no official has categorically accused Hizbullah or any of its members of being behind or involved in the bombings abroad.

Uri Lubrani, the government's coordinator on Lebanon, told Israel Radio on Friday that Iran's "fingerprints" were on international terrorism against Jewish and Israeli targets, but said he could not elaborate.

Regarding Toufeili's alleged role in the bombings, Lubrani said Hizbullah's former secretary-general had been involved in terrorist attacks against Israel and others in the past.

"I cannot, however, say that he is connected with the recent incidents. He might or might not be. I don't have any precise information about it," said Lubrani.

The Lebanese press has been reporting almost daily about alleged IDF reinforcements in the security zone and along the northern border. UNIFIL officers, however, said they had seen "virtually nothing out of the ordinary" and they described the Lebanese reports of an IDF build-up as exaggerated.

The region remained tense but relatively quiet over the weekend, with only one incident yesterday afternoon when gunmen simultaneously attacked two SLA positions in the western sector of the zone with mortar fire.

Nearly two dozen rounds fell near the Rashaf and Jab'l Hamed positions, without causing any injuries or damage. IDF and SLA gunners briefly returned fire.

US writes off first \$200m. of Jordan's debt

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

KING Hussein reaped the first fruits of peace on Friday, when Congress decided to write off \$200 million of Jordan's debt to the US.

The action came in the early morning hours after House and Senate members worked through the night to reconcile the foreign appropriations bill that had already been passed by both houses.

The bill essentially budgets \$200 million into the 1995 fiscal year's budget to cover the first part of the \$700 million that Amman owes the US.

As in recent years, the appropriations bill includes \$3 billion in aid to Israel, with \$1.8 billion in military assistance and \$1.2 billion in economic assistance. Egypt's aid will remain at \$2.1 billion.

The bill states that future cancellation of the remainder of the Jordanian debt depends on Amman's progress towards a final peace treaty with Israel. It also requires Jordan to work towards the elimination of the Arab boycott of Israel, and to comply fully with the international sanctions against Iraq.

It further authorizes the transfer of excess defense articles to Amman, but limits those items to small arms and ammunition until a treaty is reached. Moreover, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told the House foreign affairs committee Thursday that the US would not transfer advanced weaponry, including F-15s and F-

16s, to Jordan until then.

The now-reconciled bill will be voted on by each house in the next week, congressional sources say.

Administration officials had pressed Congress this week to move quickly on the debt relief in order to demonstrate to Jordanians concrete benefits from this week's historic meetings here between Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Washington has also promised Jordan military aid, but administration officials said Amman must still review its military needs before presenting any requests.

In Amman, meanwhile, the commander of the US forces in the region, Gen. Joseph Hoar, was granted one of Jordan's highest military honors yesterday, the state-run Petra news agency said.

Hoar succeeded Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the military force that ousted Iraq from Kuwait in February 1991.

Petra said Crown Prince Hassan, the younger brother and heir apparent of King Hussein, decorated Hoar with the Medal of Military Efficiency of the First Order during a meeting at the royal palace in Amman. The medal is usually granted to top army officials.

The general has become a frequent visitor to Jordan and a friend of the ruling Hashemite family as Amman-Washington relations improved since the launch of the peace process in October 1991.

Frenkel: Deficit reduction, tax cuts not enough

JOSE ROSENFELD

BANK of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel yesterday called on the government to reduce next year's deficit and cut taxes more significantly than what the Treasury will propose today to the cabinet.

The cabinet is to set the framework for next year's budget today. The Treasury is proposing to cut taxes by NIS 1.7 billion and reduce the deficit from 3 percent of GDP, currently, to 2.75 percent of GDP, next year. The Treasury wants to increase expenditures by NIS 1.6b. over this year's budget to NIS 113.75b. and reduce revenues by NIS 800 million to NIS 105.1b.

Frenkel said he would prefer seeing the budget deficit fall to a level of 2.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product. However, if the government makes significant tax cuts, a deficit of 2.75 percent of GDP will be manageable.

The more the government cuts its deficit and taxes, the lighter the pressure will be on the central bank to keep inflation in check by means of higher interest rates, said Frenkel.

Deficit reduction is required in order to lower the burden the state's debt imposes on the economy, which is higher than what is acceptable in industrialized nations and is a potential source of instability, Frenkel added. Lowering the deficit and cutting taxes will free up

cash that can be used to expand business activity, he said.

Frenkel noted that the tax burden went up this year to 40 percent of GDP, contrary to the desired path of lower taxes necessary to promote further economic growth. If the current tax policy is not changed, the tax burden will grow even further next year, Frenkel warned.

He recommended that the government adopt a multi-year approach to tax cuts, targeting the reductions at areas that will encourage employment, investment and growth. He also called on the government to make larger tax cuts than those already included in the law, including the second half of the reform on individual income taxes, the one percent reduction in company taxes and lower tariffs, as part of the program to open the local market to imports.

The Treasury proposal includes NIS 800m. in additional tax cuts, which lower employment taxes. In addition, it includes cuts of NIS 1.2b. in both 1996 and 1997.

Frenkel reiterated the need for the government to continue and increase its investment in infrastructure and education. Pursuing these priorities, together with lowering the deficit and cutting taxes, will require the government to reduce spending, he said.

Six people drown over weekend

SIX people, including two members of the same family, drowned over the weekend in different parts of the country. A man who nearly drowned was reported in critical condition.

Ronen Gozin, 16, and his uncle, Eli Gozin, 45, from Yavneh, went swimming in a restricted area of Miami Beach in Ashdod. When they failed to emerge from the water, relatives notified police.

At 9 p.m., the bodies of the two

men were washed up on shore and an MDA doctor declared them dead at the scene.

In Ashkelon, another Yavneh resident, 41-year-old Elizabeth Krieger, entered the water in a restricted zone and was swept by the current into deep water. She was pulled out after water had filled her lungs and rushed to Barzilai Hospital in serious condition. She died a few minutes later.

Nissim Afergan, 42, of Ashdod,

went swimming in a forbidden area and was sucked into an undertow and drowned. He could not be revived.

Further north, an unidentified 60-year-old man drowned at the Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael beach.

Yesterday evening, a 30-year-old man was pulled out of the sea off the Beit Goldmintz Beach at Netanya. The man was rushed to Laniado Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition. (Him)

PLO names panel to collect business taxes

THE Palestinian Authority took steps yesterday to speed up the collection of taxes by enlisting the help of Palestinian businesses and Israeli tax authorities, a PLO official said.

Tayeb Abdel-Rahim said the authority, at its weekly meeting in Gaza, named a committee headed by Jamil Tarif, in charge of civil affairs coordination with Israel, to obtain Palestinian businessmen's tax files from Israel.

"The Palestinian Authority will also ask every businessman to submit a report on Israeli products he imported since May 17 to enable the authority to ask the Israeli government for VAT taxes paid by them," he said.

The economic accord signed between the two sides in Paris in April allows the Palestinian Authority to levy taxes from businessmen.

"The amount of taxes will be determined by the Finance Ministry and businessmen at a later date," Abdel-Rahim said.

He said the authority also set up a committee headed by Ahmed Qreia who holds the economics portfolio, to follow up on implementation of the Gaza/Tericho Accord. (Reuters)

NRA objects to Ein Avrona as peace talks site

News agencies

THE Nature Reserves Authority objects to use of Ein Avrona, a desert nature reserve along the Israeli-Jordanian border, as the site of peace talks and possibly a future border crossing, officials said yesterday.

Roni Malka, the authority's director in Eilat, said peace talks at Ein Avrona are causing "irreversible damage to the ecosystem of desert animals and plants."

The IDF turned the placid moorland into a bustling tent town this month to accommodate the hundreds of officials and journalists who arrived in cars and buses for the talks. Negotiations

are to resume at the site this week. Malka said he was especially alarmed at tentative plans to establish a permanent border crossing at the site, within the 16-square-kilometer reserve just north of Eilat.

"We will not allow them to build a crossing in the middle of the reserve. Let them go a few kilometers north or south," he said, adding that Israeli law re-

quired a Knesset vote on any construction within nature reserves.

Jordanian and Israeli delegations met at Ein Avrona earlier this month to set the stage for the Rabin-Hussein declaration. It was chosen for talks because it is one of the few undisputed parts of the current border.

Other talks on security, water sharing, environmental and energy issues are planned at a location on the Israeli shore of the Dead Sea.

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UN condemns blasts in Buenos Aires, London

Security Council statement does not mention that targets were Jewish, Israeli

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council on Friday condemned the bombings in Argentina and London that left 95 people dead, but refused to mention in its statement that the targets were Israeli and Jewish institutions.

Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi said the council's move to delete the references from its statement caused "damage to the moral position and standing of the Security Council."

A draft of the council statement mentioned the targets of the attack, but the references were removed in the final version.

A statement from the Israeli mission to the United Nations said mention of the targets was deleted following the "opposition of some members of the Security Council." It did not mention which members objected.

"This general language is an escape by those who are not ready to fight aggressively against this international threat against stability and peace," Ya'acobi said.

The Security Council statement said members "strongly condemn the terrorist attack which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 18,

1994, which resulted in great loss of human life.

"The members of the Security Council express their sympathy and condolences to the victims and their families and to the people and government of Argentina, who have suffered the consequences of this terrorist act."

The statement said members also "strongly condemn the terrorist attacks in London on July 26 and 27 July, 1994, and express their sympathy to the victims and their families, and to the people and government of the United Kingdom."

Members demanded "an immediate end to all such terrorist attacks" and stressed the need to strengthen international cooperation "in order to take full and effective measures to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of terrorism, which affect the international community as a whole."

Britain's UN charge d'affaires, Stephen Gomersall, called the council session "a very moving and significant affair" and said everyone spoke "in condemnation of the outrages and in sympathy with the victims of the attacks."

The meeting reinforced the determination of countries to cooperate in the eradication of terrorism, he added.

Israel has blamed Hizbullah and its main backer, Iran, for the attack, but Argentine Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella said there was no conclusive evidence of foreign involvement.

"Unfortunately today I cannot say who is responsible," Di Tella said after addressing a closed session of the council.

"We are pressed to jump to conclusions... to condemn the countries that might be involved without evidence," he said. "We will not do that."

But Di Tella did recommend that the council review the rules that guarantee diplomats immunity from prosecution.

He also proposed that the United Nations establish an international force to investigate terrorist incidents. The proposal seems to have generated lukewarm support in the council, and Ya'acobi said the United Nations was "not ready for such a unit."



London police officers guard the offices of the Joint Israel Appeal, the scene of a bomb blast last week. (AP)

Hussein asks Rabin for second meeting

News agencies

JORDAN'S King Hussein on Friday requested another meeting with Prime Minister Rabin "as soon as possible," according to Israel Radio.

Hussein telephoned Rabin from his plane on the way home from Washington to Amman, the radio said. A spokesman for Rabin was not immediately available for comment.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Information Minister said in remarks broadcast yesterday that although his country supported comprehensive peace in the Middle East, it would be prepared to sign a separate peace treaty with Israel.

"If...the common agenda between Jordan and Israel is finished, yes, I think we'll be ready to sign a peace treaty," Minister Jawad al-Anani told Army Radio.

Anani said while Jordan was now ready to make peace with Israel irrespective of other Arab parties, it still aspired to a comprehensive peace in the region.

"You can't have peace without Syria or without the Palestinians or without Lebanon," he said. "We should remember that peace, real peace, is a comprehensive peace."

Anani said he believed peace moves between Israel and Jordan would spur Syrian President Hafez Assad to move forward in talks with Israel.

On Thursday, King Hussein, in an apparent swipe at his peace opponents, said he would send a future peace treaty with Israel to parliament for ratification and hold a referendum if needed.

The king said his landmark public

meetings with Rabin in Washington last week helped tear down the wall that prevented us from seeing the human face of the enemy side [Israel].

"When the picture [of peace] becomes clearer and culminates in a treaty, we shall present it as the representatives of people [parliament] have their word on that," he Jordanian journalists accompanying him.

"After all of this, I am also thinking seriously of going to all the Jordanian people and holding a national referendum on the issue of peace," declared a beaming monarch.

He was apparently responding to criticism from Jordan's vocal anti-peace group - Muslim fundamentalists, who hold less than a third of seats in parliament and a handful of leftist political parties who ideologically oppose such talks.

King Hussein said he believed the overwhelming majority of Jordan's 4.2 million people supported his quest for a settlement.

Parliament has to ratify any peace treaty after the government and the king approve it in line with the constitution.

But most deputies in the 80-seat parliament generally support Jordan's accelerated peace moves with Israel.

The largely vocal opposition has vowed not to use force to fight normalization with Israel.

Jordanian officials say a referendum, unprecedented in Jordan's modern history, would consolidate any peace deal with Israel.

Likud supports Washington Declaration

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday that his party supports the Washington Declaration signed with Jordan last week, but called on the premier to maintain communication with the opposition on such matters of vital importance.

"A national consensus is something the prime minister must exploit to the fullest," Netanyahu said, following a meeting with Rabin on the agreement with Jordan.

At the meeting, which was also attended by faction chairman Moshe Katsav, and MKs Uzi Landau and Yehoshua Matza, the party asked for clarifications regarding issues relating to refugees, the possible entrance of a foreign army into Jordan, water policy, and other items.

Netanyahu added he had told the premier that "a political process for which there is wide agreement, like the agreement with Jordan, strengthens the State of Israel very much, but a political process like the bad agreement with the PLO divides the nation and weakens it."

He called on Rabin to attempt to attain as wide a consensus as possible regarding future steps in the negotiations, "particularly on [issues] relating to the future of Judea and Samaria, and of course on the future of Jerusalem... by communicating with the Likud."

(Tim)

Second Palestinian newspaper suspends publication under threat

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

AKHBAR al-Balad on Friday became the second Palestinian newspaper to suspend publication, after a senior Palestinian security official threatened to burn copies of the magazine if they were found at newsstands.

"The decision barring the magazine from entering Gaza and Jericho came from [West Bank security chief] Jibril al-Rajoub," said publisher Nasser ed-Deen Nashashibi.

Nashashibi said he had suspended publication "until I am sure that I can publish freely. This is terrorism against thought."

On Friday, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered the closure of the eastern Jerusalem-based pro-Jordanian newspaper, *An-Nahar*. Palestinian security officials on Thursday seized copies of the newspaper that had been sent for distribution in Gaza.

Khaled Hallak, an employee of *An-Nahar* said: "A notice reached us from the [Palestinian] National Authority not to distribute the newspaper in Gaza, the West Bank and in Jerusalem."

A statement issued by the Palestinian Authority accused *An-Nahar* of advocating "a line that contradicts

the national interests of the Palestinian people."

The authority, denied taking any decision against the paper but said it did not meet "publications requirements."

"The custom since the 1970s has been that concerned people within the PLO would approve the publishing of Arabic newspapers," the authority statement said. It said all other Palestinian newspapers published in the territories had obtained such approval from the PLO.

Both banned publications are printed in eastern Jerusalem. *An-Nahar*'s editorial policy favors Jordan. *Akhbar al-Balad* has criticized the Israel-PLO peace agreement.

Tension between the Palestinian Authority and Jordan has risen since the Washington Declaration acknowledged Jordan's "historic role" at the Muslim holy places in eastern Jerusalem.

The measures against the papers have alarmed Palestinians in the territories, who fear the step may signal a Palestinian crackdown on freedom of expression. Hanan Ashrawi, commissioner of a watchdog group on human

rights, said the measures were a clear violation of the freedom of the press.

Palestinians have always complained about Israeli censorship under the occupation.

Meanwhile, a New York-based group called the Committee to Protect Journalists, which is chaired by several leading US journalists, sent a letter to Arafat late Thursday protesting the banning of *An-Nahar* from Gaza.

In the letter, the CPJ said it "fears this act of censorship bodes ill for the future of press freedom in Palestine [sic]."

"Having protested countless circumstances of censorship of the Palestinian press under Israeli occupation, CPJ looked forward to an increase in press freedom and an improvement in working conditions for Palestinian journalists in the autonomous areas."

The committee urged the Palestinian Authority to "respect international standards of free expression," and that Arafat ensure that *An-Nahar* is permitted to resume distribution in the Gaza Strip.

Peres: Government does not want Jordan-PLO rift over Jerusalem

News Agencies

ISRAEL is not interested in causing any disputes between the Jordanians and the Palestinians over the issue of control of the Muslim holy sites in eastern Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

The Washington Declaration signed last week by Jordan's King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated that during negotiations on the city's final status, Israel would give "high priority" to Jordan's "historic role" at these shrines.

The PLO protested, claiming this was "pre-determining the future of Jerusalem," before its negotiations with Israel on the city's status began.

Peres, speaking to Army Radio from Cyprus said, "I don't believe that it is necessarily the case. What Jordan had in eastern Jerusalem is what it will continue to have."

"We are not interested in creating disputes between Jordan and the Palestinians. We want a Middle East with no disputes at all, and we have no intention of creating superfluous ones. There haven't been any negotiations on the holy places in Jerusalem yet, so it's too early to jump to conclusions."

King Hussein, meanwhile, said he saw no reason for the PLO to fear the article in the Washington Declaration.

He said religious and political sovereignty were two separate issues and repeated that Israel and the Palestinians would resolve the future status of Jerusalem at a later stage.

"On the political level, there is an Israeli-PLO agreement on Jerusalem... We are not part of that," Hussein said. "But as regards to Islamic holy shrines there, we believe the Islamic

nation should have [religious] jurisdiction over them."

An official statement published in Jordanian newspapers Friday had already expounded on this issue.

"There is no contradiction between restoring political sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem through Palestinian-Israeli negotiations and Jordan continuing to play its role in exercising its religious jurisdiction over the Islamic sites," the statement said.

"Jordan's firm position is support of the Palestine Liberation Organization's efforts to gain political and geographic sovereignty over all Arab Palestinian lands, including Holy Jerusalem," the statement said.

But it added that Jordan would not relinquish "its historic role in exercising its religious jurisdiction over Islamic shrines in Jerusalem."

Jordan would continue to ensure that the "higher Islamic interest" in the city was preserved, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Authority, anxious to keep all options open on Jerusalem, will send a delegation to Jordan to discuss the future of the city, PLO official Tayeb Abdel-Rahim said.

The delegation, led by PLO negotiator Faisal Husseini, would "pave the way for a high-level meeting between the Jordanian and Palestinian leaderships," Abdel-Rahim said yesterday.

Abdel-Rahim said the authority would also take its case to a wider audience. "We will continue our consultations with the Arab, Islamic and Christian parties in order to clarify and preempt dangers which target Jerusalem's sovereignty, its people and its holy shrines," he added.

Embassy in Chile emptied by bomb scare

The Israeli Embassy in Santiago, Chile, was vacated on Thursday following a bomb scare, according to an official source.

The embassy received an anonymous phone call that said a bomb had been planted in the building's cellar. The workers were evacuated and security officers conducted a thorough search of the building. A truck parked outside the building also raised suspicions, until the driver was found.

Jordan business community welcomes economic ties with Israel

LAMIA LAHOUD

THE Jordanian business community welcomes the economic agreement between Israel and Jordan, says Yahya Kadamani, a Jordanian-Palestinian banker who represents the Bank of Jordan in the territories.

Kadamani said he is certain Jordan will profit from both the Israeli-Jordanian economic agreement and the Israeli-Palestinian deal. These agreements will create many investment opportunities and jobs, especially in the tourist industry, which is run largely by Jordanian-Palestinians, he added.

"The agreement will increase tourism to Jordan by 100 percent yearly," said Kadamani. "We need to open new hotels, restaurants and travel agencies to deal with the expected influx of tourists," he said.

Only 150,000 tourists visit Jordan every year, while 2 million tourists come to Israel annually. The hotels in Eilat are 85 percent full all year around, while Akaba is empty, he said.

All this will change, Kadamani believes, once the borders are opened and transportation will be provided between Akaba and Eilat, as agreed between Israel and Jordan. He expects tourists from Eilat to come to Akaba on their way to Petra.

"We only have two small hotels in Petra, but since the secret negotiations started between Jordan and Israel about a year ago, seven more large hotels are under construction in Petra. They will be ready by next year," he said.

Israeli tourism to Jordan will also add to the increase of yearly visitors, said Kadamani. "It is every Israeli's dream to visit Petra," he said.

Kadamani is a partner in the JET bus company which used to run between Jerusalem and Amman before 1967. Kadamani and his partners want to operate the Jerusalem-Amman line again.

He said that while most Israelis

want to visit Petra, every Jordanian wants to visit Jerusalem and the holy sites. He believes that the Palestinians will therefore also profit from the agreement between Jordan and Israel, because it will increase Arab tourism to Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Kadamani also said he believed that some kind of confederation between the Palestinians and Jordan will best serve both parties' economic interests.

However, some Palestinian leaders are wary of the Israel-Jordan economic agreement.

Hassan Abu Libdi, deputy manager of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDR), said the Palestinians must quickly work out the details of their economic agreement with Jordan.

In January, a high-ranking Palestinian delegation, including the

PLO's No. 2 man, Farouk Kaddumi and Abu Ala (Ahmed Qreia), who holds the Palestinian economy portfolio, worked out a framework of economic cooperation with the Jordanians based on free flow of goods and labor, similar to the EU model of cooperation, said Abu Libdi.

"We have agreed on the principles, now we must agree on the details as soon as possible, so that we will not become hostage to the Jordanian-Israeli agreement," said Abu Libdi.

Poland honors commander of Warsaw Uprising

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HUNDREDS of Poles, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising against Nazi occupation, braved scorching heat yesterday to pay their last respects to the general who led the insurgents.

Many veterans of the 63-day uprising, in which more than 200,000 people were killed, attended an outdoor Mass for General Tadeusz Bor-Komorowski two days after his remains were repatriated from England.

Earlier yesterday Jewish fighters in the uprising were honored at a memorial service in Warsaw's only synagogue.

A military guard of honor and banner-carrying veterans of Poland's World War Two underground Home Army later escorted the general's coffin to the Powazki cemetery where his ashes were buried.

"Rest in peace in the earth of your fatherland," Polish President Lech Walesa said in a message read out at the burial ceremony by a senior presidential aide, Andrzej Zakrzewski.

Bor-Komorowski, who was commander-in-chief of the Home Army, ordered the start of the uprising on August 1, 1944, in the hope of taking control of Warsaw before Soviet troops arrived.

But the Germans brutally put down the uprising, killing fighters and civilians alike, and Bor-Komorowski signed the order to surrender on the following October 2. He died in England in 1966 when Poland was still under com-

unist rule. Veterans wearing red and white Home Army armbands crowded under umbrellas to shield themselves from the sun at the Mass outside Warsaw's Field Church, which is opposite a big monument to the uprising. Many wore medals, some carried flowers.

A guard of honor then lifted the general's coffin onto a gun-carrier and marched it to the Powazki cemetery for burial.

Events commemorating the uprising, which is widely seen in Poland as an heroic display of patriotism, began on Friday and culminate tomorrow with wreath-laying and speech-giving ceremonies to be attended by foreign leaders.

They will include German President Roman Herzog, US Vice President Al Gore, British Prime Minister John Major and other representatives of the Western allies who flew mercy missions to drop supplies into Warsaw.

An aide will represent Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Some veterans and right-wing organizations are boycotting the events because of the German and Russian presence.

They say there should be no place for Germans at such events, even 50 years after the uprising, and accuse Moscow of betraying the insurgents by not coming swiftly to their aid.

But Walesa, starting the anniversary events on Friday, said in a speech to veterans that it was time for reconciliation and burying old hatreds. (Reuters)

World powers move to isolate Serbs

News agencies
PALE, Bosnia

THE Bosnian Serbs said yesterday they were seriously considering whether to break off contacts with the major powers following their decision to tighten sanctions on the Serbs for rejecting the latest peace plan.

However, the Serbs in any case may decide to stop cooperating with the five-nation "contact group" of the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany. Jovan Zamerica, spokesman for Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, said in a recorded statement from the Serb stronghold of Pale, outside Sarajevo.

Foreign ministers from the five powers called yesterday for tougher sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs for rejecting the international peace plan.

In a joint declaration, the ministers said they would ask the UN Security Council to extend sanctions against Serb-dominated Yugoslavia and tighten enforcement of existing sanctions.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said drafting of the resolution would take place within the next week. Speedy passage is virtually certain given that Russia, a traditional ally of the Serbs, has joined with the West in pushing for the resolution.

The ministers also said they would strengthen protection of designated Muslim "safe areas" in Bosnia and ask for tougher enforcement of the weapons-exclusion zones around Gorazde and Sarajevo as well as their extension to other Muslim areas.

If the Serbs continue to reject the peace proposal, the ministers said a Security Council decision to lift the arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government "as a last resort ... could become unavoidable."

The envoys drew up the pack-



French snipers who are part of the UN peacekeeping force take aim at Bosnian Serbs firing on civilians in Sarajevo on Friday. (AP)

age of sanctions after Serbs rejected a peace plan that would give them 49 percent of Bosnia's territory. After two years of fighting and about 200,000 dead and missing, the Serbs control 70 percent.

"We are not prepared to see the process strung out indefinitely. We cannot continue this situation where the victims are punished by the arms embargo and are denied the right to defend themselves," Christopher told a news conference.

In Sarajevo, the United Nations

reported a series of incidents since Friday in which Serb forces had sniped at civilians, shot at UN peacekeepers and violated safe havens and UN-controlled weapons exclusion zones.

French UN soldiers in the Bosnian capital opened fire on Serb snipers who shot at civilians using the city's tram system on Friday afternoon, wounding two people.

Serbs on Wednesday cut the only commercial route into Sarajevo and later fired on a UN convoy, fatally wounding one British

UN soldier and wounding another.

The "contact group" warned the Serbs against any further attempts to "strangle" the city, which they had besieged for nearly two years until they withdrew their heavy guns last February under threat of NATO air strikes.

UN military spokesman Eric Chaperon said Serb forces fired into the Muslim safe haven of Zepa in eastern Bosnia. Ukrainian peacekeepers in Zepa had come under fire, he said.

In the Gorazde area of eastern

Bosnia, Chaperon said Serb forces fired what was believed to be a heavy cannon round and a mortar bomb in the latest of a series of violations of the heavy weapons exclusion zone around the town.

Chaperon said UN peacekeeping soldiers were fired on three times in Gorazde on Friday. Even before the sanctions decision was announced, Russia, the one contact group member seen as sympathetic to the Serb cause, had reacted angrily to the Serbs' intransigence, accusing them of deception.

Death rate falls in Rwanda refugee camps

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — With more Western aid arriving hourly, the United Nations reported some rare good news yesterday from Goma's squalid, teeming refugee camps: a falling death rate.

Although cholera cases are increasing, improved water supplies and medical care have dramatically lowered the fatality rate for Rwandan refugees, officials said.

Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, estimated the daily number of deaths from cholera and other diseases at 1,600 to 1,200, down from about 1,800 to 2,000 just four days ago.

"We estimate the number of cases will continue to rise, but the important thing is the number of deaths is decreasing," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson conceded, however, that many cholera cases go unreported and many victims receive no medical care.

Cholera is a highly contagious bacterial disease that kills by robbing the victim of body

fluids lost through severe vomiting and diarrhea. Untreated, it can kill within hours. But if caught in time, treatment is relatively simple and effective, a matter of replacing lost fluids and salts orally or by intravenous drip.

Treatment plants set up earlier this week by US soldiers at Lake Kivu were pumping nearly 100,000 gallons of pure water yesterday.

That wasn't enough for all of the 1.2 million Rwandans who have congregated here after fleeing violence in their homeland. But it was making a critical difference in the hospitals and clinics treating the ill.

When treatment plants first became operable, only two tanker trucks were available to haul the water to the camps. Friday, 16 tanker trucks were provided by the United Nations and nine more by the French military.

"We've been having to shut down our pumps at night because we haven't got any more storage space. But the tankers are beginning to catch up with us now," said Army Specialist Eric Walker.

Still, bottlenecks were choking the airborne aid effort.

Wilkinson said 14 of about 35 aid flights planned for Friday had to be canceled because of a shortage of aviation fuel all over East Africa.

And the US Air Force had no place to land a plane at the small, single-runway airport at Goma. The plane was carrying supplies intended to improve the strip's efficiency.

A C-5 Galaxy carrying foodstuffs and huge hydraulic lifters to speed the unloading of planes was diverted to Mombasa, Kenya, when it ran low on fuel after 90 minutes of circling.

Army officials said a Russian-built IL-76 aid plane was in the C-5's designated parking space and couldn't leave because of mechanical problems.

Most of the refugees are Hutus who fled Rwanda two weeks ago in fear of retribution from a victorious rebel army led by minority Tutsis who have established a new government in the capital, Kigali.

Indian troops head to Bhutan to hunt mass killers

GAUHATI, India (AP) — Indian troops marched through dense tiger-infested forests toward neighboring Bhutan yesterday, hunting for tribal terrorists who massacred more than 100 Moslems and left 60,000 of them homeless in the last two weeks.

More than 3,000 soldiers were ordered to move into the border districts of the remote northeastern state of Assam after the army took control of the area Friday.

Separatist rebels belonging to the Bodo tribe, a community that practices animism and witchcraft, began killing Moslem settlers in the area on July 19, when the latest round of violence began.

Authorities suspect the rebels of the outlawed Bodo Security Force fled to camps in Bhutan. Officials said they were requesting Bhutan to allow Indian soldiers to search inside the Himalayan kingdom. Indian police have standing permission to chase suspects into Bhutan, but the military needs clearance to go in.

Bhutan's foreign minister, Dawa Tsering, reached by telephone yesterday in the capital Thimphu, said he was not aware of any formal request.

Terrorists armed with AK-47 assault rifles and machetes last week stormed a relief camp sheltering more than 6,000 Moslems,

set fire to the buildings and mercilessly sprayed bullets on the fleeing men, women and children, killing 60.

As the terror spread, more than 60,000 Moslems crowded the 19 relief camps that are fenced off and guarded by soldiers.

The latest riot was the fourth deadly clash in nine months between Bodos and impoverished Moslem peasants who migrated from Bangladesh to work as farmhands and laborers.

At least 1,000 people have been killed in the last six years in the Bodos' struggle with the Indian government for a separate Bodoland.

Gambia displays deposed ministers

BANJUL (Reuters) — Gambian President Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh has presented to reporters 10 cabinet ministers arrested after a July 22 coup and said they would be freed tomorrow.

The ministers, the bulk of ousted president Sir Dawda Jawara's government, are held in disused offices of the Gambia Produce Marketing Board and say they have been well treated.

"I could have sent you to prison. It is not our intention to keep

you and maltreat you. There will be no court martial but there will be a civilian court for those who misappropriated government funds," Jammeh said during the Friday night visit.

"Monday, you go first to your former offices, hand over the files, vehicles, you go home. Those who are not clean will face a civilian tribunal," he said.

Of Jawara's 14 ministers only four are still at large. Vice president and defense minister Saibou

Sabally and finance minister Bakary Darbo fled Banjul with Jawara on a visiting US warship on which they took refuge during the coup.

The ship took them to neighboring Senegal where the deposed president has been granted asylum. Interior minister Lamine Kiri Jabang slipped across the land border into Senegal and trade and industry minister Mbemba Jatta was at a regional conference in Nigeria at the time.

French language law down but not out

PARIS (Reuters) — France's constitutional watchdog yesterday partially overturned a controversial law to enforce use of the French language but the government said offenders could still be prosecuted for using foreign words.

The nine-member Constitutional Council ruled that the government had no right to impose official French translations of foreign words on private citizens, companies and the media.

It could only force their use by public and nationalized authorities, but not radio and television.

Among words the government sought to ban in ads, broadcasts,

menus or books were cheeseburger, cashflow, marketing, software and airbag.

The Council said articles of the law, adopted by parliament on July 1, violated freedom of expression and communication under the 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, in the preamble to the French constitution.

"Freedom of expression implies the right of each citizen to choose the most appropriate terms to express his thought," it ruled, upholding a Socialist challenge.

"Like any living language, the French language evolves...it cannot remain frozen." If official

terms were imposed, French "would risk becoming a dead language," the ruling said.

The newspaper *Le Monde*, in an editorial calling the ruling a triumph of common sense, said it reduced the law to a recommendation in principle without the force of coercion.

Although written in unadorned French, the ruling was read differently by the government.

Aides to Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said the Council had upheld the main thrust of the law, which was to make the use of French compulsory in all areas of public life.

It would be up to judges to de-

cide whether or not a word was French, they said.

Culture Minister Jacques Toubon, who initiated the law to try to repel an "Anglo-Saxon invasion" of English words, called the ruling "extremely positive" but acknowledged it meant the government could not tell private citizens what words to use.

Constitutional Council official Olivier Schrameck told reporters: "The sports minister, commenting on the achievements of the French soccer team, will have to use the expression 'jet de coin', but sports commentators will be free to use the word 'corner'."

"One cannot impose a veritable word police," he said.

Afghan BBC reporter murdered

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) — An Afghan reporter who worked for the BBC has been found shot dead near the Afghan capital Kabul, relatives in Pakistan said yesterday.

They said they had information that Mir Wais Jalil, 25, was killed on Friday night by gunmen who captured him when he was returning from interviewing Afghan Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar at his Charasyab base south of the city.

Jalil's family settled temporarily in Peshawar in Pakistan because of factional fighting in Kabul between forces loyal to President

Burhanuddin Rabbani and his opponents led by Hekmatyar and northern warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum.

A statement by Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami (HIA) party issued in Peshawar blamed the killing on the members of former Afghan secret police Khad. There was no immediate independent information about the identity of the killers.

The Hezb statement said Jalil was returning to Kabul by taxi after interviewing Hekmatyar and was accompanied by an Italian journalist when he crossed the

last Hezb post.

"However, his body was seen lying near an area close to the frontlines by a passerby who reported to the security offices of the HIA," it said.

"Security personnel of the HIA cordoned off the area and arrested a few suspects and interrogation is still continuing to pinpoint the culprits."

Jalil had worked for the BBC's Pashtu service for two years. "He was extremely good in news gathering," a colleague said. "He was very energetic."

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New strike call pressures Nigerian rulers

LAGOS (Reuters) - Nigeria's military government faced more pressure yesterday after the country's biggest labor federation called a general strike to back a pro-democracy campaign.

Workers in the oil industry, Nigeria's economic life blood, launched the campaign four weeks ago with a crippling strike to demand the release of detained politician Moshood Abiola and a return to democratic rule.

A general strike called by the Nigerian Labor Congress (NLC) from Wednesday could bring Nigeria to a halt if it gets significant backing from the 3.5 million members of its 41 affiliate unions.

The NLC said yesterday its efforts to persuade the military government to free Abiola and other political detainees had failed.

"Consequently, in view of our conviction that an industrial action has become inevitable, Congress calls on all its affiliates, state councils of congress and Nigerian workers to, as from Wednesday August 3, 1994, embark on a sit-at-home protest action and await further directives," it said in a communiqué.

The strike by the oil workers' unions NUPENG and PENGASAN to try to force the release of Abiola, undeclared winner of army-organized presidential elections in 1993, has disrupted domestic fuel supplies, transportation and normal business.

Nigeria's worst crisis for decades deepened after Abiola, a wealthy southern businessman, was arrested last month and charged with treason for declaring himself president.

There is rising concern that the crisis could degenerate into ethnic chaos as southern resentment grows at what political leaders there see as the determination of the northern ruling elite to retain power.

The mainly Moslem north has provided Nigeria's political leadership for virtually the entire period since independence from Britain in 1960. The predominantly Christian south wields economic power.

The north-south divide was at the root of the civil war over breakaway Biafra, in which more than a million people died in the late 1960s.

Moslem and Christian communities have been holding round-the-clock prayer vigils for peace throughout the country.

NLC's president Pascal Bafayo told reporters on Friday that if Abiola was freed before Wednesday, the Congress' Central Working Committee would meet to reconsider the strike call.

Abiola is due to appear again in a court in the inland capital Abuja on Tuesday.

On Thursday hundreds of his supporters clashed with police outside the courthouse, where at least one protester was killed and more than 100 were arrested.

Scattered anti-government protests have persisted, particularly in Abiola's Yoruba-speaking southwest, Nigeria's leading commercial region.

The NLC communiqué said a 10-man delegation had met both military ruler General Sani Abacha and Abiola seeking a solution. The government had refused to respond positively to labor's demand that detainees be freed and closed media organizations reopened, it added.

Abacha hinted that his administration is ready to free Abiola on condition that he renounces his claim to the presidency.

But Abiola, backed by an alliance of politicians, retired generals and pro-democracy activists, has insisted on the validity of the election process which former military president Ibrahim Babangida, a northerner, annulled just as Abiola appeared to be headed for certain victory.

The oil workers' strike has begun to threaten vital exports.

Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria said this week it was losing 38 percent of normal production.

Shell produces roughly half of Nigeria's two million barrels a day of oil, 1.6 million of which is exported to provide Nigeria with its main source of income.



Haitian demonstrators, chanting anti-intervention and anti-embargo slogans, march to the US embassy in Port-au-Prince to mark the 79th anniversary of the US invasion of Haiti. (AP)

Haiti leader clears way for UN invasion resolution

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Haiti's president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, called for quick and decisive action to end the suffering of his people, thereby clearing the way for a resolution allowing a UN invasion.

In a letter to the United Nations Friday Aristide said he believed the moment had come for the international community "to take swift and decisive action under the authority of the United Nations."

Asked if the letter had received a favorable reaction, US Ambassador Madeleine Albright said "absolutely."

Security Council negotiators late Friday reached broad agreement on an American-initiated draft resolution and sent it to their respective capitals for approval.

Council President Jamsheed Marker of Pakistan said members would inform him when they were ready to vote. He set tentative meeting dates for last night and today but most delegations thought today was more likely.

Russia still had some objections and Brazil's ambassador said his government still needed to study the text.

Marker said Aristide's letter was "central, was fundamental," adding: "Without that letter there would be no resolution, there would be no action."

The letter had been sought by most delegations, particularly Latin American and Caribbean states, all of whom except Argentina are uneasy about a possible US invasion in the Western Hemisphere.

At issue is a resolution seeking approval for a multinational force to use "all necessary means" to bring about the departure of Haiti's military. If the United States invades, it expects to use more than 15,000 troops.

The US-led force would be monitored by a

small group of UN military observers, and the United Nations is also to field peacekeepers after the invaders leave.

The resolution asks for 6,000 peacekeepers. Aristide said in his letter the Haitian military had increased the suffering of the country's citizens and forced many to flee.

He called the military leaders, who overthrew him in a September 1991 coup, arrogant and provocative in their continued defiance of the international community.

"This attitude has contributed to the alarming deterioration of human rights in Haiti and to the dramatic increase in the suffering of the Haitian people who have been forced to search for refuge outside their national borders," he said.

Aristide did not directly mention an invasion or use of force. He is forbidden by Haiti's constitution to call for an intervention by foreign troops.

US Justice Department will probe abortion clinic slayings

WASHINGTON (AP) - US federal agents will investigate whether any organized group was behind the shooting death of a doctor and a volunteer at a Florida abortion clinic, Attorney General Janet Reno said yesterday.

An outspoken abortion opponent was charged with murder in the slayings outside the Pensacola, Florida, clinic on Friday. Major anti-abortion groups have denounced the killings.

But abortion rights activists contended that the shooting was part of a conspiracy to terrorize doctors and clinic workers with bombings, threats and attacks. Two other abortion doctors have been shot since March 1993, one died.

Even before the latest shooting, federal agents were investigating whether a conspiracy existed, Justice officials said. Reno declined to say whether any evidence of an organized scheme has been found.

"We have and we will continue to pursue every investigative lead to determine if there is any organized activity producing this violence," she told reporters.

At the White House, President Clinton issued a statement condemning the "senseless shootings" and offering condolences to the families of the victims, Dr. John Bayard Britton and his volunteer escort, James Herman Barrett. Barrett's wife, June, was injured.

"I am strongly committed to ending this form of domestic terrorism that threatens the fabric of our country," Clinton said.

Activist Paul Hill, who has advocated violence to stop abortions, was arrested soon after the shootings and charged with murder. Reno said the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will assist local authorities with the case.

The shooting came on the heels of a new federal statute against blocking entrances to abortion clinics or using violence or threats against clinic workers. Clinton signed it into law in May.

Reno said charges under that law might be brought in the "Pensacola" shooting, depending on "what is best for the case."

Abortion opponents bristled at the suggestion that there was a conspiracy behind the shooting and other violence.

"I strongly resent the implication that all these groups need to be investigated because there's this nationwide conspiracy out there," said the Rev. Pat Mahoney, a national leader of Operation Rescue. "It simply is not the case."

But Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, told reporters, "This is not an isolated event. We have called repeatedly for a national investigation."

She also asked for federal marshals to escort employees and patients into abortion clinics that are under threat of violence.

The National Right to Life Committee issued a statement denouncing the violence but declaring that the group would not tone down its rhetoric.

"It is false and offensive to suggest, as some pro-abortion groups have done, that speaking in favor of the right to life somehow causes violence," the statement said.

Driver held for injuring Mexican gov't candidate

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The driver of a tractor-trailer involved in a hit-and-run crash that critically injured an opposition candidate for state governor was arrested yesterday and said the collision was an accident.

Noe Tress Ramos denied charges by supporters of Amado Avendano Figueroa that last week's crash, which killed three other people, was a government attempt to assassinate the 60-year-old challenger.

Mexican authorities also have said the collision was an accident.

Tress Ramos told a news conference he saw Avendano's Suburban van "coming into the oncoming lane."

"I tried to brake but it was no use. All I could do was wait for the impact," he said.

Avendano is the left-leaning Democratic Revolutionary Party's candidate for governor in Chiapas

State, Mexico's poorest and the scene of a smoldering Indian rebellion that broke out on New Year's Day.

Tress Ramos said he left the crash scene to look for help and didn't find out that Avendano was in the vehicle until hours later.

Then he fled because he feared revenge from Avendano's supporters, he said. He said he cut his hair and hitchhiked 730 km to his home in Mexico City.

Tress Ramos was arrested Friday and will face charges, Deputy Attorney General Mario Ruiz Massieu said.

Avendano regained consciousness and was expected to survive his chest and head injuries.

Candidates for the Aug. 21 national elections exchanged accusations and insults over the tragedy. Avendano's wife, Concepcion Villafuerte, immediately called it an assassination attempt.

Rajneesh followers deny murder plot

PORTLAND, Ore. (Reuters) - Two British women pleaded not guilty Friday to charges that they conspired to murder a US attorney who deported Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, an Indian guru who preached free love.

Sally Croft, 44, of Totnes, England, and Susan Hagan, 47, of Bedford, England, appeared in the Portland courtroom of US Magistrate Donald Ashmanskas to be formally charged with conspiracy to murder.

The two women, wearing casual clothes, were handcuffed. They appeared upbeat, smiling and talking to their lawyers.

They said little in court, except to plead "not guilty" to the charge of conspiracy to murder.

Croft and Hagan were extradited to Oregon from Britain this week, accused of plotting with others to assassinate former US Attorney Charles Turner in 1985 when Turner was conducting an investigation of illegal activities at a religious commune set up by Rajneesh in central Oregon.

If found guilty, they face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Ashmanskas set a trial date of September 27 before US District Judge Malcolm Marsh. The trial is expected to last at least three weeks.

Ashmanskas ordered the women released without bail pending trial, but he set a number of strict conditions. The women must remain in Oregon, surrender their passports and wear electronic bracelets on their wrists so authorities can track their movements.

If they did flee, they would waive the right to an extradition hearing and could be tried in their absence.

The two women have made arrangements to stay with friends in the Portland area.

Croft hired an attorney while a court-appointed attorney, Colleen Scissors, was named to represent Hagan.

Scissors told reporters she did not believe that either woman could get a fair trial in Oregon because of the extensive pre-trial publicity and because of a general feeling in Oregon against followers of Rajneesh.

Several other charges have been filed in Oregon against Croft and Hagan, including wire-tapping and a federal weapons charge.

But they may only be tried on conspiracy to murder, the charge on which they were extradited to the United States.

Rajneesh, who had a collection of 90 Rolls Royces, moved from India to Oregon in 1980. He and his orange-clad followers bought a ranch where they built the town of Rajneeshpuram.

The commune fell apart in 1985 after Rajneesh was convicted of fraud by arranging sham marriages so his followers could enter the United States.

He paid a \$400,000 fine and agreed to leave the country. He died in India in 1990.

Croft, an accountant, was the chief financial officer of the commune, according to the indictment filed in court.

Japan suggests joining UN forces

TOKYO (Reuters) - A Japanese government panel has recommended its forces take part in frontline UN peacekeeping operations, NHK radio reported yesterday.

The Prime Ministerial Advisory Council on Defense produced a draft report that also recommended Japan reduce the number of its military personnel from 274,000 to 240,000 by attrition.

Under current Japanese law, the Japanese military can join UN missions but cannot participate in combat units, such as those used to separate warring factions.

The panel also called for Japan's ground troops to be reorganized to improve combat readiness, NHK said.





The panel recommended Japan's anti-submarine naval forces be cut back. But it said surveillance and air defense capabilities should be upgraded, and that smaller but better-equipped combat planes were needed.

The report, based on a review of Japanese defense policy started in February, also called for closer cooperation on defense between the US and Japan.

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Libraries learn to confront the technology age

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

LIBRARIES are finally catching up with the computer age. Once no more than storehouses for books and periodicals, these public institutions are now becoming electronic information centers, offering access to worldwide data networks.

One impressive example is the \$100-million Science, Industry and Business Library, due to open late next year in the former premises of B. Altman's department store on East 34th Street and Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.

The president of the New York Public Library (NYPL), which is carrying out this major project, was here recently to deliver a Van Leer Institute lecture on his library and how it "confronts the age of technology."

Dr. Paul LeClerc, a French-language scholar of French-Canadian stock and until recently president of New York's Hunter College, was elected president of the NYPL last December.

"I suppose my qualifications are that I always used public libraries as a child and later spent much time in research libraries," he said in an interview in Jerusalem.

LeClerc can boast some impressive statistics: There are 1.5 million NYPL cardholders who can choose from 16.6m. books at 84 branch libraries throughout Manhattan, Staten Island and the Bronx. (Brooklyn and Queens have a separate library system.)

Every year, more than 520,000 New Yorkers attend classes and programs at the libraries, and they are served by 3,200 employees. Nearly five million inquiries about books and other materials were answered last year.

The NYPL was established 99 years ago with the consolidation of the privately financed reference libraries of John Jacob Astor and John Lenox and the James Jones Tilden Trust.

Several years later, the City of New York built the Central Research Library - a national landmark guarded by stone lions on Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. The library system, with a \$150m. annual budget, is supported largely by private donations and partially by government funds.

Despite the inroads of cable TV and home-computer games into Americans' leisure time and the trend against newspaper reading in the US, the NYPL is being increasingly frequented by the local population, LeClerc said.

"For the first time in 50 years, our libraries will soon be open six days a week," he said.

THE ETHNIC diversity in New York - "the fastest-growing population in the Bronx, for example, are Latinos and Cambodians" - puts extra burdens on the library system. "We have to order materials in some 230 different languages and dialects," LeClerc said.

ONE WAY of reducing the amount of books and journals which the NYPL has to purchase is to buy access to world data banks; another is to reach exchange agreements with other countries. Japan, for example, has on-line access to library materials, so a reader in Tokyo can obtain documents and other materials via computer from New York in 24 hours.

LeClerc is eager to establish sim-



The New York Public Library, built at the turn of the century, is now an American landmark.

(Casey Cronin)

ilar exchange agreements with Israel, and during his visit he met with officials of the National and Hebrew University libraries in Jerusalem. This could eventually give Israelis access to the NYPL's immense resources, including the

Science, Industry and Business Library under construction.

This 17,000-square-meter facility, which will contain the largest collection of social-science, natural-science and business information under one roof in the US -

will be wired for 100 work stations, connecting users to the hundreds of internal and external electronic information resources.

It will also have 30 additional work stations for training the public in how to use electronic-infor-

mation services. The library will include electronic business and scientific resources; a comprehensive collection of US and foreign government documents and patents; scientific and business journals; standards, codes and techni-

cal reports; and financial information services.

Users will also have access to Internet. Most of the information services will be free, but some - those provided by electronic-information suppliers - will entail a certain fee.

Although children will not be the prime users of the 34th Street facility, they have not been overlooked. A \$3m. donation from Readers' Digest-DeWitt Wallace has made possible the establishment of a computer link between all New York's elementary schools with NYPL branch libraries.

"When a teacher assigns pupils to investigate a certain subject, the branch librarians will be informed in advance via computer. They will make sure that enough material is available for all the youngsters."

This idea is similar to one being implemented by this country's Education Ministry. A tender was recently issued for establishing a computer network linking the schools with educational data banks (and an on-line link between all schools and the Education Ministry's central computer will streamline day-to-day administration).

This is likely to be expanded to the public libraries, and could give pupils' access to Internet and other computer networks.

No matter how prevalent computer usage becomes, LeClerc is convinced that it will not replace books.

"We have no plans to purchase fewer volumes," he says. "There is still nothing like curling up and relaxing with a good book. A computer program will never replace that."

New views of how we look

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THE distinct muscles in the face can produce 10,000 different expressions. If you can't think of more than a few dozen, go to the Bloomfield Science Museum's new exhibit on faces for a lesson.

You will probably leave with a smile.

The two-year-old museum, on the edge of the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus in Jerusalem, knew it couldn't afford to buy a \$250,000 electronic exhibit from San Diego's science museum. So Bloomfield director Prof. Peter Hillman called five counterparts in Europe, who agreed to split the expenses. Each museum will host the exhibition for three months; it's here until September 15.

Faces are almost as unique as fingerprints. Even though you will encounter millions of people during a lifetime, you rarely fail to identify the faces of people you know. No other part of the body provides so much information about our identity. You can even judge family connections by comparing facial features.

Hillman says that, more than 100 years ago, Charles Darwin suggested that emotional expressions of the face do not develop independently in each culture. Instead, he argued, they are controlled by biological factors, the fruits of human evolution, and are therefore universal. Only during the past two decades have scientists agreed, on the basis of careful studies, that Darwin was right. Facial expressions are not learned; they are born.

Most of the interactive exhibits include a video camera focused on the visitor who sits opposite a screen. The visitor "experiments" with his own face. His expressions can be frozen, played back in slow motion to disclose movements never before noticed or speeded up to produce a laugh. You can

digitize your face, dividing up the face can produce 10,000 different expressions. If you can't think of more than a few dozen, go to the Bloomfield Science Museum's new exhibit on faces for a lesson.

You can press a button and snap a photograph of your face. It is automatically digitized and turned into a portrait comprised of domino pieces. Nearby is a square pan with hundreds of domino pieces. Look at it carefully from a few meters away and disclose the face of a famous US president.

Sit opposite a screen and take elements from the faces of Marilyn Monroe, Paul McCartney, Princess Di, Ronald Reagan, Saddam Hussein and Dracula. Transpose any or all of them on your own image. Sit on one side of a piece of glass opposite a friend. Your facial features will meld into his, making a composite face.

A computerized Identikit display lets visitors choose from dozens of different pairs of ears, eyes or eyeglasses, noses, beards, eyebrows and mouths. Trying to put together a composite of your own face or of a friend's is a difficult assignment that makes you appreciate the work of police artists searching for criminal identities.

Most people think the two sides of their faces are symmetrical, but this is never true - there are always slight and sometimes even major variations between them.

Sit opposite one of the computerized video displays at the exhibition and place your nose exactly along a vertical line. Press a button and it photographs your face. By pressing another button, the computer combines two right sides of your face to make a whole face, which looks different from your own. Another button makes a new face from two left sides; and yet another switches the right and the left. Press another to get the four different versions simultaneously for comparison.

For a better understanding of



Some emotions are more powerfully expressed by the upper face while others are more easily identified from the lower.

how facial expressions depict emotions, try on facial masks for size. The display includes slightly larger-than-life-sized masks showing only the top or the bottom of the face.

Some emotions, such as sadness, are more powerfully expressed by the upper part of the face, from the bridge of the nose to the forehead. Others, including joy and disgust, are more easily identified from the lower part of the face, from the nostrils to the chin. Surprise and satisfaction are more easily identified from a distance than anger and fear.

Look through two holes at a friend sitting opposite. Put your right hand on a white circle to the right whose reflection is interposed on the person's face via a mirror. When you just hold your

hand steady, you see the face. "The brain prefers the face to the hand, because it is more interesting," Hillman says.

But when you move your hand to blot out the image, the face disappears as if rubbed out by an eraser because "motion interests the brain even more than the face," Hillman says that if you look at someone you love, you may probably be unable to erase the face. The brain prefers the loved one's visage.

Admission to the Bloomfield Science Museum costs NIS 10, plus NIS 6 for the faces exhibit. Family rates are NIS 36 plus NIS 6 per ticket to the faces exhibit. It's open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 10 to 3 and closed on Sundays.

BioMOO center in cyberspace

NEW WORLDS

POST SCIENCE REPORTER

HOW many scientists can you balance on the edge of a computer key? An unlimited number, according to Weizmann Institute computer experts who have established a "virtual" biology center in cyberspace.

The Rehovot institute's new BioMOO biology center has all the trappings of a modern scientific facility - labs, offices, state-of-the-art equipment, spacious meeting halls and a convention center, all located on picturesque grounds.

But BioMOO, a large software program that simulates a scientific facility, exists only via computer from anywhere in the world.

BioMOO is a type of MOO - in computer lingo, a multiple-user-dimension, object oriented. The term was originally coined to describe a multiple-user computer game.

Created last November by Weizmann graduate student Gustavo Gusman, it is operated by the institute's bioinformatics unit and modeled after other, non-scientific MOOs - where users of computer communications networks can play games or simply socialize.

BioMOO currently has more than 700 registered members and is regularly "visited" by a growing number of biologists from four continents who log into the program to "meet" colleagues, exchange scientific ideas, and explore the potential of the virtual world of computer networks.

According to Science magazine, the world's scientists are finding it more and more convenient to communicate over a MOO. It can even replace large conferences and face-to-face meetings.

"BioMOO brings me together with other biologists worldwide in real time," says neuroscientist James Hutchins of the University of Mississippi. This has reduced his isolation from the big science centers on the East and West coasts of the US.

BioMOO can be reached via Internet. This puts the participant in

a "lounge" shown graphically on the screen, where he is given a lesson on the use of MOO. He can then type "who" to find out who else is on line at the moment and strike up a conversation. They can then "meet" with other scientists in another "room" or even discuss things privately "in the woods."

Users can share results of current experiments, find a colleague interested in an obscure subject like glycosphingolipids and post on the "notice board" an invitation to converse at a certain time and place.

One scientist who wanted to discuss a neurology paper that appeared in Science was joined recently by 40 others who saw the electronic notice.

The bioinformatics unit was chosen because of staffers' expertise and its powerful hardware and software. It also serves as the local node for the Genome Data Bank.

Scientists who want to visit BioMOO should telnet to: bioinfo.weizmann.ac.il.8888 or 132.76.55.12.8888. Type "connect guest" when you get the BioMOO welcome screen. It can also be reached through the Worldwide Web at <http://bioinformatics.weizmann.ac.il.70> or through Gopher (port 70) at bioinformatics.weizmann.ac.il.

ON-LINE LICENSE

Post offices around the country will be turned into mini-Licensing Bureau offices, thanks to an on-line computer network.

The post office branch in Jerusalem's Ramat Eshkol neighborhood is the first empowered to transfer ownership of vehicles and provide other services.

If the experiment is successful, it will be introduced in other branches.

The Postal Authority says that, until now, transfer of title to vehicles was carried out in Licensing

Bureau offices and commercial banks, which are not "on line" with the bureau.

The Jerusalem branch will supply information about liens on vehicles, ownership and other details that until now were available only from Licensing Bureau offices. Customers are asked to present an identity card and a current vehicle license.

144 IN CYRILLIC

Tadiran Communications has adapted for Bulgaria the computerized telephone directory system used by Bezeq.

The system, which enables operators to locate numbers in a couple of seconds, even with only partial information, is now used in the capital, Sofia.

It will be expanded to include operators throughout Bulgaria. The system was "translated" into Cyrillic and includes 50 workstations that function around the clock.

Tadiran Communications produces private and public digital telephone exchanges, transmission equipment, telephones and other devices for the local and foreign markets.

WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH

TO SEND THE VERY BEST

Do you want to send a birthday card that is unlikely to be thrown away? Silk Multimedia has developed an interactive greeting card on floppy disk.

The recipient inserts it into the drive and types out his or her name. The computer responds with a colorful animated story, complete with sound effects. The recipient's name is included in the story.

The Anashim U'Machshevim computer weekly reports that the greeting card, which costs NIS 20, is suitable for use on IBM personal computers and compatibles, with a VGA screen.

The company is marketing the computerized birthday card and will soon offer special cards for bar and bat mitzvas and those soon to be drafted into the army.

A best bet can be a losing proposition

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

MASS Israeli tourism to Turkey is liable to turn some of the visitors into compulsive gamblers, warned Pinna Eldar, an expert in the rehabilitation of alcoholics who now heads a new private center in Tel Aviv for the treatment of "addiction to gambling."

According to initiators of the facility, which is located at the Center for Complementary Medicine, thousands of Israelis who have gone on cheap vacations to Turkey have been exposed for the first time to gambling.

Some of them could find themselves addicted to games of chance, Eldar said.

Eldar cited data about 24 compulsive gamblers she has treated over the last two years in Jerusalem. Nearly half were compulsive users of bingo machines; about a third played roulette.

Others gambled via overseas phone calls on sports and played dice games or legal betting games like Toto and Hish-Gad. Four of her patients said they were compulsive players of at least two types of games.

All but one of the compulsive gamblers were men. The unemployed comprised 21 percent of the group - twice their proportion in the general population; half of

those who worked had independent businesses, which explained their access to quick cash. Three-quarters were born here.

Although few admitted to being alcoholics or taking drugs, 88 percent testified to being compulsive smokers, lighting up 30 or more cigarettes a day. Of the 19 who have completed treatment, none has returned to gambling, Eldar said.

The center, which uses support-group techniques, is the only one of its kind here to deal solely with compulsive gamblers. It will soon open an information line during the evening hours three times a week at 03-6838390.

BAR-ILAN STUDIES

REMEDIES FROM THE PAST

Hundreds of "natural remedies" are being studied by Bar-Ilan University researchers. The materials, comprising animal, vegetable or mineral sources, were used in ancient times and during the Middle Ages in this area.

Two doctoral students, advised by the chairman of the Eretz Yisrael Studies Department, Prof.

Yehoshua Schwartz, are now collecting specimens in the field, but also interviewing traditional healers. It is possible that some are really effective, say the researchers, who also want to document the use of substances mentioned in Jewish sources.

SHEBA BUGS BUGS

Microscopic dust mites, which live off dead human skin cells, are one of the most common causes of allergies. Now Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer has devised ways of measuring exactly the amount of allergens in house dust and identifying antibodies to them in the blood. This assists in the diagnosis and treatment of such allergies, which can result in asthma, sinusitis, repeated eye infections and runny noses.

The hospital's respiratory disease and allergy lab asks patients to collect dust from their homes using a portable vacuum cleaner. Staffers then study the contents in the lab, including the dust mites and their excretions, which cause the allergies.

The patients are asked to remove rugs and curtains and vacuum their home regularly. Tests of home dust show whether these measures are effective in reducing the number of mites.

A program that speaks your language

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

OF all the computer programs I have ever used, the most powerful, the most useful and the most interesting is undoubtedly a computerized typesetting program called TeX.

TeX is basically a programming language. The text you actually write is by no means what you see on paper. TeX is the absolute opposite of WYSIWYG. Once you have written your text file, which consists of the actual contents of your document plus a large variety of formatting commands, you run a program - TeX - which converts your input into a file that can be viewed on either the screen or the printer.

TeX is available on almost every type of computer. It was originally written for the UNIX operating system, which started out on large computers but is now available on PCs and Macintoshes.

Versions of TeX exist for MS-DOS, OS/2, the Macintosh, the Amiga, the Atari ST and other computers. I have used it under DOS and on the Atari ST, and thereby benefited from another TeX feature - it is identical on whatever operating system you run it, and files produced on one operating system are directly compatible with systems on any other.

Usually, TeX is public-domain software, which means that it is free. The documentation - there are several "official" books and a bevy of third-party publications - tends to be expensive. There is a commercial version of TeX for the PC, called PCTeX, which has one or two advantages over the public-domain version, such as a Windows-based shell and compatibility with the TrueType fonts supplied with Windows.

The aim of TeX, according to Donald Knuth, its creator, is "to produce beautiful documents," and this it certainly does. Anything created in TeX obeys all the rules of typesetting. You can produce such items as em- and en-dashes, genuine quotation marks and perfect hyphenation.

TeX's speciality is technical writing. It was designed to produce a huge variety of equations and other mathematical squiggles, with all their complexity. All this is done automatically, without having to worry whether the symbols are exactly aligned or whether the superscripted boondoggle is in the right font and the right size.

It also excels at footnotes, tables of contents, sundry numbering tasks, indexes and all the other paraphernalia of academic publishing.

A SPIN-OFF of all this typesetting power is TeX's ability to produce multilingual documents more easily and more perfectly than any other program.

Some of the languages you can produce with it are very exotic. I have used it to produce documents in Hebrew with inserted quotes in English, German and French, and examples in Greek and Sanskrit.

The program can produce - with one exception - every character necessary for these languages, in four different alphabets - Latin, Greek, Hebrew and the Indian Devanagari.

The exception is a set of accent characters used in the oldest Indian Vedic texts.

It can also produce all of the weird diacritic combinations used in the transliteration of Sanskrit. The outlandish alphabets - with the exception of Hebrew - are produced by writing the words in a transliterated form, and TeX converts the transliteration into the proper letters, taking into account all the typographical rules for each language.

For example, while the basic Devanagari alphabet consists of about 40 characters, combinations of consonants and vowels, and combinations of two or more consonants form compound letters inflating the number of characters to about 300. TeX manages all this - you only have to write the words in transliteration.

Another small problem for TeX is getting the Greek accents right. Somebody calculated that there are 24 combinations of accents possible on certain letters, such as the alpha. While, obviously, you have to tell TeX which accent to put on the letter (and believe me, the Greek accentuation rules are no picnic) the program makes sure that they are properly aligned and in the right order, if there is more than one on a certain letter.

The one thing it can't do is put two accent signs on one letter in the Latin alphabet, which is sometimes necessary for transliteration of Vedic Sanskrit. As to size and requirements, TeX does not require a hugely powerful PC to run, but size is a different matter.

There are so many auxiliary programs, and font files and such like that the only thing certain is that TeX installation never gets any smaller. Set aside 30-40MB.

Mind-blowin'

RICHARD MORIN

AUGUST marks the 25th anniversary of Woodstock, time for kids to sit at the foot of their aging baby-boomer parents and ask them what they did in the cultural wars of the late 1960s.

Not much, probably. While radical politics and outre lifestyles, hair-styles and clothing styles came to define those years, the truth is that relatively few young adults actually tuned in, turned on or dropped out during those mindless, mindful years.

Think about this: Most of them voted for Richard Nixon. You can look it up. Nixon beat George McGovern by a 53 percent to 47 percent margin in 1972 among voters between the ages of 18 and 29, according to National Election Study survey data archived at the University of Michigan.

And in 1968, Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey among under-30 voters - and by an even bigger 49 percent to 39 percent margin among those younger than 25. George Wallace was the choice of 12 percent of these young voters.

Likewise, a Gallup poll of adults who were teens or twenties during the late '60s and early '70s disclosed that relatively few actually had participated in the behaviors that came to define that era - or at least own up to it now.

Where have all the flower children gone?

Just 5 percent said they lived on a commune or in "some other form of communal arrangement." Twelve percent said they became vegetarians, organic farmers or otherwise got "involved with back-to-nature lifestyles."

The survey found that one out of 10 said they took up Yoga, meditation or took up an Eastern religion. One in four "fessed up to dressing 'like a hippie.'"

Just one out of six participated in a protest march. Four out of 10 admitted that they tried marijuana, many even inhaled. One out of six allowed that they regularly puffed on the five-leafed devil weed. About one out of six said they threw their heads at least once with psychedelic drugs.

Significantly, nearly half - 44 percent - said they did none of those things, Gallup reported.

Of course even the relatively small percentages meant that millions of drug-addled, On-chanting, Weather Underground-sympathizing, flower children once roamed the Earth.

AND MINDS did move in cultural important ways during those years. The National Election Study documented the dramatic rise in cynicism toward all institutions during the late 1960s and early 1970s, and this distrust has become the defining characteristic of contemporary politics. Ironically, that distrust in government didn't lead to the revolution predicted by some radical poets and rock crooners, but rather to Ross Perot. Fascinating.

All of those people who made love, not war in the '60s, also produced a shift in attitudes toward premarital sex, with mixed consequences. Among them: the awful fact that one out of four children now live in a single-parent household, and that one out of nine births is to an unmarried teen-ager.

And tolerance toward racial, ethnic and religious minorities increased, which some social historians argue is the greatest and most positive legacy of the '60s.

But where are their heads now, these citizens of the Woodstock Nation? Survey data suggest they're more Republican and more socially conservative now than they were two decades ago.

While 21 percent of all 18 to 29 year olds identified themselves as Republicans in 1969, today 30 percent of that same age cohort (now in their mid-40s and early 50s) identify themselves in Gallup surveys as Republicans. Likewise, the percentage of Democrats in this generation dropped from 35 percent in 1969 to 30 percent today.

A study by the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research also disclosed how boomers have drifted slightly away from their liberating attitudes toward sex in the intervening years.

Using data collected in the General Social Survey, Roper Center analysts noted that in 1973-74, 24 percent of those between the ages of 22 to 34 percent said premarital sex is wrong. Twenty years later, 30 percent of that same age cohort (now 42 to 54) believes it's wrong.

A far-bigger shift has occurred among the college-educated in that age cohort toward marijuana.

Twenty years ago, nearly half - 47 percent - of young, college-educated adults favored the legalization of marijuana. Today, 28 percent of all college-educated 42 to 54 year olds do, suggesting a wholesale reversal of views on marijuana.

The writer is director of polling for The Washington Post.



The battle of the bulge

YORAM ARIDOR

WE can guess the rate of inflation by seeing which page it appears on in the newspapers. When it stays on the economic pages, the rate is less than 5 percent annually. If it makes the news pages, it's higher, but still single-digit. When it reaches the op-ed pages, like now, you can send your doubts packing: inflation has climbed to at least two digits.

When it reaches three digits, it needs to be dealt with in one fell swoop. The blow is painful but accurate, and it does the trick. What we haven't yet found is the quick, correct way to deal with low, two-digit inflation. So we need to prepare for some drawn-out treatment that hurts.

Since the damage caused by inflation is partly concealed from laymen, various pressure groups are forming. They claim there is no need to deal with the problem, that it's a fact of life we can live with. It's like the sick boy who didn't want to take a bitter pill. After all, he said, he was still alive. Instead of medicine, he should be having ice cream or chocolate.

It's hard to stabilize two-digit inflation; which, if not brought down to the single-digit level, tends to grow. In 1992, inflation was on a down curve, while in 1993 the direction was reversed. If it continues rising this year, we are in danger of a new inflationary spiral.

The war on inflation enjoys no Knesset lobby. There are even those who help it grow. Pressure groups demand higher wages. Ministers want bigger budgets overnight. There's welfare legislation for real and imagined beneficiaries; benefits for farmers and

land for industrialists.

There are quotas for producers; devaluations for exporters and low interest for borrowers. There are debt cancellations for kibbutzim, moshavim, settlers... And on the 15th of every month, a chorus of "inflation is a curse!" arises.

THE GOVERNOR of the Bank of Israel and the finance minister remain alone and unhappy in their war on inflation.

Two-digit inflation is a menace that has to be brought to heel

And, instead of resources being invested in the economy, they get diverted to fiscal defenses against inflation.

It's a mistake to argue against the Bank of Israel raising the interest rate. The economy needs a realistic, reasonable interest level.

Rising inflation must cause interest rates to go up. If they don't, money becomes cheap and abundant, which encourages rapid acquisitions to counteract inflation. And this, in turn, hastens the pace of price rises.

A dangerous alternative to higher interest would be for the central bank to accelerate devaluation.

Returning to the example of the sick boy, he wouldn't be demand-

ing ice cream instead of medicine, but drugs in place of ice cream. Devaluation would make imports more expensive. And local production also contains a large component of imports (raw materials, equipment), amounting to about a third of the product.

This raises prices of domestic goods, causing pressure for higher wages; these, in turn, result in higher prices for local products. It is difficult to raise prices on exports, so pressure builds up for further devaluation, and so on, continuously.

The process becomes intoxicating. Today, devaluation is still crawling; we mustn't revert to galloping devaluation.

We should also be careful about higher taxes. With our present tax levels, any increase would inhibit the business sector's desire and ability to invest, which would have a negative influence on growth. The same applies to the suggestion for an "organizational tax" (*mas irgun*).

On the other hand, the budget and wages must be reined in. For this, the finance minister needs the prime minister's support. Without it, he cannot succeed in holding off special-interest groups.

Our economy is basically sound. But problems - overall inflation, the cost of housing, the stock exchange plunges, the decline in economic growth, the growing trade deficit - are piling up in the finance minister's bureau. This calls for a battle. And, so far, the current finance minister hasn't made much headway.

The writer is a former finance minister.

Sovereignty is the key issue

YOHANAN RAMATI

IN writing about negotiations with the PLO (*The Jerusalem Post*, July 15), Chaim Herzog knows these are not the sum total of "current developments."

"Israel is a strong state, perhaps one of the strongest in the Middle East," Herzog writes. "I have yet to meet a military expert who foresees military danger to Israel as a result of current developments." But Herzog is evading the issue. Without intending it, he has left the area of red lines and entered that of whitewash.

Israel is a strong state because it has defensible borders, within which it can deploy its powerful armored forces to preempt or counter an enemy offensive. It can send out its air force without serious losses, and obtain real-time intelligence from its radar on the Hermon and the Judea-Samaria watershed without being dependent on US goodwill.

These borders help deter war - and the bombing of Tel Aviv or Haifa with missiles - because our tanks are only 64 km. from Damascus. They also allow us control of our water sources. Has no military expert told Mr. Herzog all this?

Israel becomes a militarily weak state - one of the weakest - the moment the Golan Heights are given to Syria and the Judea-Samaria watershed comes under Arab rule.

I told an American military expert about recent Peres and Rabin statements on the Golan and the likelihood of war if it isn't given up. His reaction: "When Israel leaves the Golan, you and your family had better leave the country. It won't survive."

On May 15, retired Air Force general Avihu Bin-Nun wrote in *Da'ar*: "Since the Camp David agreements, Israel has no qualitative military superiority over Egypt, because the Egyptians receive every weapons system from the Americans that Israel receives... Worse, sometimes Israel refrains from requesting a certain weapons system, lest the Arabs are supplied with it...."

When Israel's red lines on borders get whitewashed over, there's major trouble ahead

ministered territories... our Air Force will go to seed."

MUBARAK'S SPOKESMEN and experts make no secret of Egypt's goals in the peace negotiations: to deprive Israel's ground forces of a preemptive strike capacity and compel Israel to give up its nuclear deterrent.

Bin-Nun's views are shared by many IDF generals with left-wing views, who find the evidence that Egypt is arming against Israel overwhelming and are beginning to express serious doubts about relying on the US for intelligence information and/or security.

US strategic cooperation with the Egyptians has been much closer

than with Israel. The Americans have turned a blind eye not only to Egyptian infringements of the Camp David agreements, but also to outright Egyptian aggression against Sudan, part of which - the strategically important Hala'ib triangle - has been occupied by Egyptian forces for many months. The news has been kept out of the Western media.

One of the proposals being considered by the Likud advocates autonomy for areas densely populated by Arabs, but excludes East Jerusalem, Jewish settlements, the roads leading to them, and areas (including east-west highways) required by the IDF. The proposal insists on permanent Israeli sovereignty over Western Palestine and the entire Golan Heights.

Sovereignty is the key issue. The Arabs know it. But we, after 2,000 years of exile, seem to have forgotten.

The answer to those who say no peace treaties can be signed on such terms is:

- Peace treaties rendering Israel indefensible will bring war.
- Israel cannot expect US forces to intervene against Arab states with non-fundamentalist regimes like Egypt or Syria if they attack it.
- Israel has managed very nicely without peace treaties for more than 46 years, and can manage without peace treaties for another 46 years, if the Arabs do not agree to terms assuring us defensible borders and survival.

The writer is chairman of the Jerusalem Institute for Western Defense.

POSTSCRIPTS

A **TURTLE** in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is alive today thanks to a guardian angel.

Patty Benton broke the law when she braked for the 30-cm long turtle, which was crossing the highway during rush hour. Her daughter begged her not to squash it, so Benton scooped it up and put it in the back of her truck.

A state trooper caught her stopped in the middle of the highway and gave her a \$60 ticket.

Defenders of Wildlife offered to pay the ticket, but Benton is planning to contest the citation in court.

"I told my daughter, 'Everybody has a guardian angel and I guess I was this turtle's guardian angel,'" she said.

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Two worrisome PLO moves

TWO recent moves by the Palestinian Authority should make Israel - and the world - take notice. On Thursday the Palestinian Police banned the distribution of the Jerusalem Arabic daily *An-Nahar* and the weekly *Akbar al-Balad* in Gaza and Jericho. In effect, the ban extended to all the administered territories, even though they are still under Israeli rule.

An-Nahar publisher Othman Halak told Israel Radio that Mohammed Dahlan, head of the Palestinian internal security force, ordered the paper shut. And Nasser Nashashibi, publisher of *Akbar al-Balad*, said, "West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub (officially the security chief only in Jericho, but obviously with clout throughout the territories) had threatened that any copy of the paper found on a newsstand would be burned." The threats, characterized by Nashashibi as "terrorism against thought... by the ruler of Gaza," did not have to be repeated. The publishers announced the suspension of both papers. Palestinian journalists in Gaza, though opposed to the ban, said they would neither demonstrate nor take any other action. Their fear is eminently reasonable.

The official PLO reason for the ban - that the papers had failed to get a distribution license - only added insult to injury. "The custom since the 1970s has been that concerned people within the PLO would approve the publishing of Arabic newspapers," the authority statement said. Translation: only papers which meet the approval of the chairman may be published. Nabil Abu Rdaina, a press adviser to Yasser Arafat in Gaza, did not bother with the "distribution license" nonsense. "The line of the newspaper contradicts the national interests of the Palestinian people," he said. The real reason is transparent: *An-Nahar* and *Akbar al-Balad* are pro-Jordanian. Following the Rabin-Husseini summit in Washington, the papers not only praised the meeting, but failed to highlight the PLO's objections to the Israel-Jordan declaration on Jerusalem. During the negotiations with the PLO, both were often critical of Arafat and his advisers. To top it all, they failed to go to Gaza to greet Arafat on his arrival there and to pledge allegiance. These have proved to be unpardonable sins.

Rajoub insists that the ban does not really impede freedom of expression. "It is simply designed to prevent hostile propaganda by a foreign outlet," he said. In this he echoed Arafat, who promised "to respect freedom of expression" but warned that he would not permit the Palestinian press to be "fed by imported ideas... or bought by Arab, Western, or Asian countries."

Hanan Ashrawi, former peace delegation spokeswoman who now heads a Palestinian civil rights commission, was not deceived by the explanation.

To her credit, she protested the action as "a collective punitive measure" which suppresses freedom of speech. Even Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, a firm believer in a Benelux type of union among Israel, the Palestinian entity, and Jordan, was disturbed. "In Israel we are concerned about the nature of the Palestinian Authority and its attitude to democracy," he said yesterday. "The banning of the papers is a sad development."

An even more sobering development was the appointment by Arafat of Fatme Bimawi as commander of the Palestinian women's police. The only difference between Bimawi and the terrorist responsible for the carnage in Buenos Aires, or the woman wanted for the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London, is that Bimawi was less successful. In 1967 she planted a bomb in a movie theater in Jerusalem packed with hundreds of people. In a recent interview with Associated Press she said she looks back "with pride and few regrets" at the operation she said was planned by Dr. Abu Mohammed - which she later learned was a code name for PLO leader Yasser Arafat himself.

Hers was the quintessential terrorist act. She intended to murder innocent civilians randomly and wantonly purely for the purpose of terrorizing the population. Even the rationalization that the terrorists in Argentina and Britain could have used - that the target buildings served as official centers of Jewish and Israeli activity - was missing from Bimawi's action. "It was the first operation by a Palestinian woman against an invincible Israeli army," she proudly said to the interviewer. Typically, the interviewer did not bother to ask what the Israeli army had to do with a civilian audience of mostly children (the film was a Western) in a packed theater.

The only comparable wantonness can be found in the action of Baruch Goldstein, the killer of worshipers in the Cave of Machpela. But it is difficult to compare the action of a man whose mind had obviously snapped with the cold-blooded bombing of a theater by a cold, calculating terrorist.

Bimawi was apprehended soon after the bombing and sentenced to two life terms. It was a fitting punishment, but she was released in a prisoner exchange 10 years later and joined the PLO in Tunis. Since the signing of the agreement with the PLO on September 13, 1993 she has become a media celebrity, lionized as a brave "guerrilla fighter" now assuming her proper position in the "government of Palestine."

If anything can define this government even more appropriately than the banning of newspapers, it is Bimawi's appointment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAL THE RIFT

Sir, - As a resident of Jerusalem, I take offense at Prime Minister Rabin's demeaning statements and injurious actions towards Jerusalem. Mr. Rabin constantly claims that he knows what's good for us and our security since he fought in all of our wars.

Except for the period during Mr. Rabin's two terms as prime minister, how much time has he spent living in Jerusalem? When was the last time that Mr. Rabin walked to the Western Wall from outside the Old City? When was the last time that Mr. and Mrs. Rabin strolled anywhere in the city? Rabin's nonmilitary connection to the city is nonexistent!

Jerusalem is open to all peaceful people for prayer. But the city is not open to a murderer of innocent men, women and children. It's hypocritical to let Arafat come and pray on the Temple Mount so that he may thank his Allah for giving him the strength and ability to murder Jews. Who has given Mr. Rabin the moral right to forgive, absolve this murderer?

Mr. Rabin also has no right to force his "peace" down the throat of the people. He has no right to do this unless he truly emulates Menachem Begin and achieves the votes of at least 97 Knesset members supporting his peace. The Declaration of Principles signed in September 1993 did not even come close. If the Knesset doesn't show this massive support, then Mr. Rabin would be better advised to concentrate and making peace with the right and heal the wounds that he has opened and constantly thrown salt upon. If Mr. Rabin cannot succeed in making peace among brothers, how can he expect to succeed in making peace with distant relatives and nonfamily members?

KENNY POMRANTZ

Jerusalem.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Sir, - For several years, the organization called Rabbis for Human Rights has been demonstrating and making pronouncements which in almost all cases involve defending the rights of Arab murderers and their families while almost ignoring the rights of Jewish victims of Arab terror and their families. This silence concerning Jewish human rights has recently been extended to those Jews who continue to sit in jail for months without trial and even to non-Jewish strangers who come from Romania and Thailand to work for us and who are living in subhuman conditions here in Israel.

Such policies illustrate once again the hypocrisy of a group which is supposedly dedicated to human rights but which in reality is only interested in defending the human rights of Arabs (usually terrorists and murderers of Jews) and is hardly concerned with the human rights of fellow Jews, nor with the rights of other "strangers within our gates."

JOSHUA J. ADLER

Jerusalem.

DISGUSTED

Sir, - I am just an ordinary Jewish Israeli who was once also a proud person. But since this government has taken over, I am becoming more and more disillusioned.

After reading Bruce Brill's "Justice never done" (July 1) and also Dorit Rosenfeld's letter in the same issue, I am horrified and disgusted by the lies of this government, which keeps telling us that "no person will be released who has blood on his hands."

My heart goes out to Dorit Rosenfeld and her children and all others in her tragic position.

SHEILA LAZAR

Haifa.

DIASPORA DONORS

Sir, - Having previously worked as a professional fund-raiser on its behalf, I am aware that the Jewish Agency has its faults. However, your correspondent's woefully unstructured attack (*Letters*, July 10) is so inaccurate that were it not for the prominence you chose to give it, the letter were better ignored.

The only people in the Diaspora who regard giving to Israel a *schnorr* are the people who do not want to give. Willing donors do so at worst as a form of insurance premium, at best because they believe that the Law of Return bestows on them the *de jure* rights and responsibilities of citizenship of the State of Israel - including the responsibility of paying (albeit self-assessed) taxes.

Such taxes cannot be levied directly on Diaspora Jews by the state, so it is done via the Jewish Agency and in return, the Agency (supposedly) gives the "taxpayers" the reciprocal representation in Israel, to which their taxation entitles them. The fact that the Agency may or may not do its job effectively, efficiently or with integrity, in no way detracts from the entirely honorable relationship that exists between thousands of Diaspora donors and their co-Israeli citizens.

For your correspondent to categorize such a relationship as a hand-out and the donors as non-Zionists is arrogant and ill-informed.

NEIL SPUNGIN

Kfar Yona.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Sir, - I must congratulate Channel 2 on their fantastic commercials. But it's a pity, that their programs are such a load of garbage.

A. KRAMER

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U.S. Arms Sales

Did you ever hear of a chicken hitching a ride on a Col. Sanders truck?

Of course not! Even a chicken is too smart for that — and a chicken's brain isn't as big as Dan Quayle's vocabulary.

But the Bush-Quayle administration — and now the Clinton administration — has hitched a ride for America on a truck that leads to self-destruction: International arms sales.

While the U.S. decries the proliferation of weapons throughout the world, guess who is the world's biggest purveyor of ballistic missiles, fighter planes, cluster bombs, howitzers, tanks and other tools of war?

U.S. A new book by William Hartung reveals that American military contractors are by far the largest sellers of weaponry — \$36 billion in sales last year alone.

And more and more, like chickens coming home to roost, this firepower comes back to haunt us. The last three times American men and women fought on foreign soil —

in Somalia, Iraq, and Panama — they fought forces that had been armed by U.S. arms dealers and the Pentagon.

The spread continues. Consider just three statistics:

(1) More than half of the arms sold to Third World countries say "Made in the U.S.A."

(2) More than three-fourths of U.S. arms sales go to UN democratic governments.

(3) Of 48 ethnic conflicts going on around the world, 39 involve U.S.-made weapons.

Bill Clinton, who had promised to cut back on arms trafficking, has done just the opposite. In his first year in office, U.S. exports of weapons have doubled. And, afraid to make the weapons lobby mad, Clinton has pulled back even from reviewing America's arms-sales policy. Meanwhile, our "Foreign Aid" budget continues to be larded with billions of dollars worth of export subsidies for these weapons contractors — money taken out of our pockets today for weapons that can be used to kill us tomorrow.

Let's Redline the World Bank

I have to confess that I have an inbred Texas bias against giant banks. In fact, back when Texas was a Republic, our constitution specifically outlawed the establishment of any banks!

Well today there's one bank in particular that needs to be shut down A.S.A.P. I'm talking about the World Bank, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Launched in 1944 with the noble and historic mission of improving living standards and enhancing peace worldwide, the World Bank quickly became just another interlocking bureaucracy of bankers and economists in league with the elites of the world. In its 50 years, the bank's so-called "development projects" have spent hundreds of billions of dollars — much of it from us U.S. taxpayers — to prop up repressive right-wing regimes and fund massive engineering boondoggles that have both further impoverished the

world's poor and plundered the environment.

In the 1980s, for example, the World Bank responded to the desires of wealthy Brazilian ranchers who wanted cheap grazing land by building a highway into northwest Brazil's huge rain forests, then proceeded to level millions of acres for them. Half a million settlers moved in on the rain forest tribes. Within ten years, the region was riddled with disease, poverty, and violence, and the rain forests — which literally help earth "breathe" — have been decimated.

All the world's bank robbers combined have not done one-tenth of one-tenth of one percent of the harm that the World Bank has in just 50 years — yet bank robbers go to jail while these pipe-smoking, tasse-loafed bankers are up in Congress today lobbying to get another \$2 billion from your and my pockets to finance their worldwide hooliganism.

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Tobacco Firms Protest Too Much

As preposterous as their protests may seem, for years tobacco companies have been successfully fending off lawsuits by denying that cigarettes are addictive. Under the law, that protects them from class-action challenges from a wide cross-section of plaintiffs.

Their luck may be changing, however, largely as a result of internal documents from the tobacco firm Brown & Williamson that were leaked to the press in May. Those suing tobacco companies allege that the documents prove they have known that cigarettes are addictive since the 1940s. Tobacco firms will probably contest the legitimacy of the documents as evidence, since Brown & Williamson contends they were stolen. In the face of mounting evidence to the contrary, the industry is sticking to its tried-and-true line that since "millions of people can and do quit smoking," it cannot be labeled addictive.

In the past, the industry has fought off lawsuits by refusing to settle and then vastly

outspending its opponents. In addition to the new evidence, this time around there just might be enough financial strength on the other side to defeat them, according to *Business Week*. Wendell H. Gauthier, who has filed a suit on behalf of all smokers in Louisiana federal court, has raised \$10 million from 50 firms to support his challenge.

What's more, the Food & Drug Administration sent tremors throughout the industry recently when it began investigating the possibility of regulating tobacco as a drug. The move was prompted by disclosures that tobacco firms manipulate the level of nicotine in cigarettes to exploit consumers' addiction. It's unclear what will come of this — and many say it's unlikely that tobacco will be reclassified as a drug obtainable only by prescription. But the Brown & Williamson uproar has evoked some Congressional interest, and that company's CEO was called to testify in a House investigation in June.

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The Newest Excuse: 'I Read a Book'

There is a new and dangerous wrinkle on the proliferating use of the "abuse excuse," and this one poses a direct challenge to the First Amendment. Kimberly Mark is suing the author of a book she read, claiming that the book falsely induced her to believe that she had been molested. The book — "The Courage to Heal Workbook" by Laura Davis — is a popular self-help workbook for alleged victims of sexual abuse. It grows out of the controversial "recovered memory movement," which encourages people to remember long forgotten memories of having been abused.

In one sense, this bizarre lawsuit is poetic justice, since these kinds of self-help books promote the abuse excuse by turning everyone — particularly women — into alleged "victims" of abuse, real or imagined. After reading the book, Kimberly Marks says she came to believe that she has 400 personalities and that she suffered satanic ritual abuse at the hands of her father and others. Now she says that none of this really occurred and that reading the book produced emotional damage in her by causing her to accuse innocent people of abusing her. No mention is made of the emotional damage done to those she falsely accused.

This is a perfect example of what the cycle of excuses inevitably leads to: everyone blaming

someone else for their crimes and problems. Kimberly Mark first blames her father for abusing her. Then when she realizes that her allegation is false, she immediately turns the finger of blame to the author of a book she read. I wonder if she has ever looked at herself in the mirror and acknowledged her own responsibility.

"The Courage to Heal Workbook" does encourage people to remember their repressed memories of abuse, to believe them even when in doubt, and to confront the alleged abuser. It does not encourage reflective self-doubt, and it clearly errs on the side of believing vague memories of even the most bizarre ritual abuse. It is, in my view, a dangerous and polemical book, which may do more harm than good, especially to vulnerable readers who are searching for scapegoats on whom to shift the blame for their personal failures.

It is not surprising, therefore, that these same vulnerable readers would try to shift the blame away from themselves for falsely accusing parents of abuse and onto the author of the book. But under our First Amendment, writers cannot be held legally responsible for how their readers act in response to their books. If the First Amendment were to permit such legal responsibility to be imposed on

authors, there would have to be an immediate cessation of all sales of the writings of Karl Marx, of the Bible and of murder mysteries in which the killer escapes justice. Our First Amendment imposes responsibility on the readers for their actions, not on the writers for their ideas.

Indeed, according to Kimberly Mark's lawyer, it was another publication that made Ms. Mark doubt that she had ever been abused. After reading "The Courage to Heal Workbook," Kimberly Mark read an article in *Time* magazine which raised questions about the "recovered memory movement." Without the protection of the First Amendment, the author of "The Courage to Heal Workbook" could sue *Time* magazine for defaming her book, her movement, and herself. But under our First Amendment, no such suits are permitted.

Instead, the marketplace of ideas must remain open to controversy about such hotly disputed issues as recovered memory. And the marketplace is working effectively, as evidenced by Kimberly Mark's rejection of one publication's ideas on the basis of ideas contained in another publication.

Implicit with the First Amendment's theory of the marketplace of ideas is the personal responsibility of the consumer of each

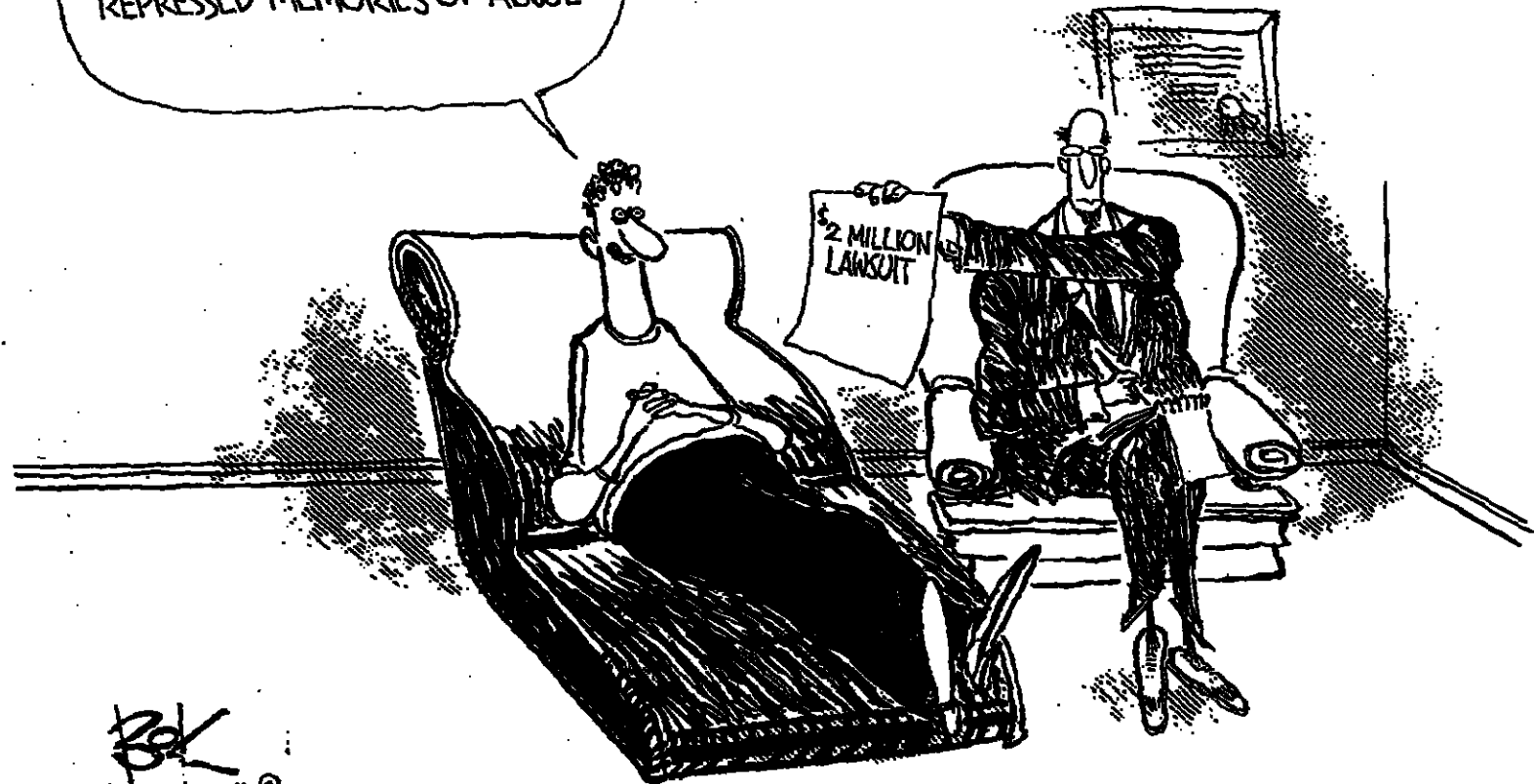
idea for how it is used. Thus, the author of "Final Exit" — the bestseller self-help book about suicide — is not legally responsible if a reader commits suicide. Nor was the author of a book about mushrooms responsible when two of its readers were poisoned by following the book's advice.

A recent case did hold a therapist liable for malpractice in encouraging a patient to believe that she had been raped by her father, and Ms. Mark's lawyer is seeking to use that verdict as a precedent for his lawsuit, but therapists have a one-on-one relationship with their patients. They are supposed to fit the therapy to the particular needs of their individual patients. Books are written for all potential readers, and the authors cannot know who will read them and how each of their readers may misuse the ideas contained in their pages. Authors cannot be required to purge their books of all ideas that are capable of being misused by the most vulnerable readers.

"It wasn't my fault because I read a book" must be rejected as an excuse. Let the marketplace judge books, and let the buyer beware of books like "The Courage to Heal Workbook," which encourages readers to blame others for their problems.

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WHY YES, DOCTOR, AMAZINGLY
ENOUGH, I DO RECALL PREVIOUSLY
REPPRESSED MEMORIES OF ABUSE



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Health Care as Class War

For a nation as well off as this one, the inhabitants bellyache an awful lot.

Outsiders try to row, swim or stow away in an airliner's wheel-well to reach these shores, but those already here gripe and grumble about how lousy things are. Every day brings a new lament. The dollar is plunging against the yen, that's the latest beef. Recently, we were supposed to be going to nuclear war with North Korea. Before that it was something I forgot. Oh, right; it was unwed welfare mothers being responsible for all kinds of societal evils.

Do you ever get the feeling that it's all a media game? That somewhere, in Washington, or New York, or maybe Hollywood, some shadowy schemers vote on what obscure issue to push this week, on TV and in the papers?

Take this dollar-yen thing. Please. "It's a vote of no-confidence in Clinton's leadership," harrumph the talking heads. Excuse me? I didn't know the Japanese had any say here. And speaking about no-confidence, have you ever taken a second look at Japan's government? Great cars, lousy government, if you ask me. They change governments like Clinton changes T-shirts after jogging.

I know the grown-up view is that we cannot afford to put the world on hold while we try to straighten out our own country. But a lot of these foreign crises can wait. They have a way of sorting themselves out without our active intervention, fretting or kibitzing. So why don't we try fixing up some of what needs fixing here? Like what? Let's take topic No. 1:

Your new health insurance system is arriving on site with all the clan of a load of lumber being dumped off the back of a giant flatbed truck.

That kid at the wheel is big, brawny Billy C., still sort of new on the job, and he has yet to master all the gears and levers and gizmos.

"Where do y'all want this here load?" he grins, as he backs up with a great grinding of gears and hiss of air brakes. No, not there, over here; wait, don't go that way, you'll get stuck in that mud; no, hold it, you're backing up too close to that tree. Stop! For God's sake, STOP!! Whew.

That's Billy the Kid, President Teenager, Razorback baseball cap on backward. Drives like a madman, full of sass and vinegar, can't wait to drop his load, jump into the shower and begin his partying early.

And here it comes. Stand clear. This won't be pretty, but it'll be over very soon now. The motor races, the flatbed groans upward, and hydraulic pressure overcomes inertia, eventually, just like in

politics. And the load starts to slide. It's all there, neatly stacked in the piles deposited by the lobbyists' forklifts back at the mill.

Here's your insurance company 2-by-12s, long rows of them. Piled atop them are the hospitals' 2-by-6s and the doctors' 2-by-4s, then the plywood, great blocks of laminated cellulose fiber. But what comes flying off the truck is a disorderly pile. The stringers get bent, the

plywood sheets get shuffled, there's some splintering here and there, part of the load ends up in the mud, and always, inevitably, something you wanted gets lost in transit.

Not to worry. There's enough wood here to build something substantial. Construction is always messy. Every site of a new house looks like a destruction site before it's up and done. Health care is no different.

Clinton is delighted with what he got out of House Ways and Means, he's thrilled with Senator Ted Kennedy's Labor Committee work, he's exasperated by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's no-employer-mandate Finance Committee, and he's furious with Senator Bob Dole's 39-of-44-Republicans last-minute half-way measure.

Dole's fallback scheme is the Alamo of health plans: here's where we take our stand, boys, but if they overrun us, nobody gets out alive. Clinton, who is always better on the attack than when he's swatting mosquitoes and playing defense, excoriated the Dole plan: It "does a little bit for the poor, it leaves all the powerful vested interest groups with everything they've got, and it walks away from the middle class and small business."

Yo, Bill; that's why we call them conservatives; they've got a lot to conserve. Wealth. Power. Influence. And a good healthy distance between them and the Great Unwashed. What's the fun of being rich in America if you can't have it better than other people? This fight isn't about who gets paid how much to hand out aspirins and take throat cultures. It's about who travels first class up the old highway to health, and who doesn't even get a ride. It's less about health care than health financing, less about health financing than about politics, and less about politics than class.

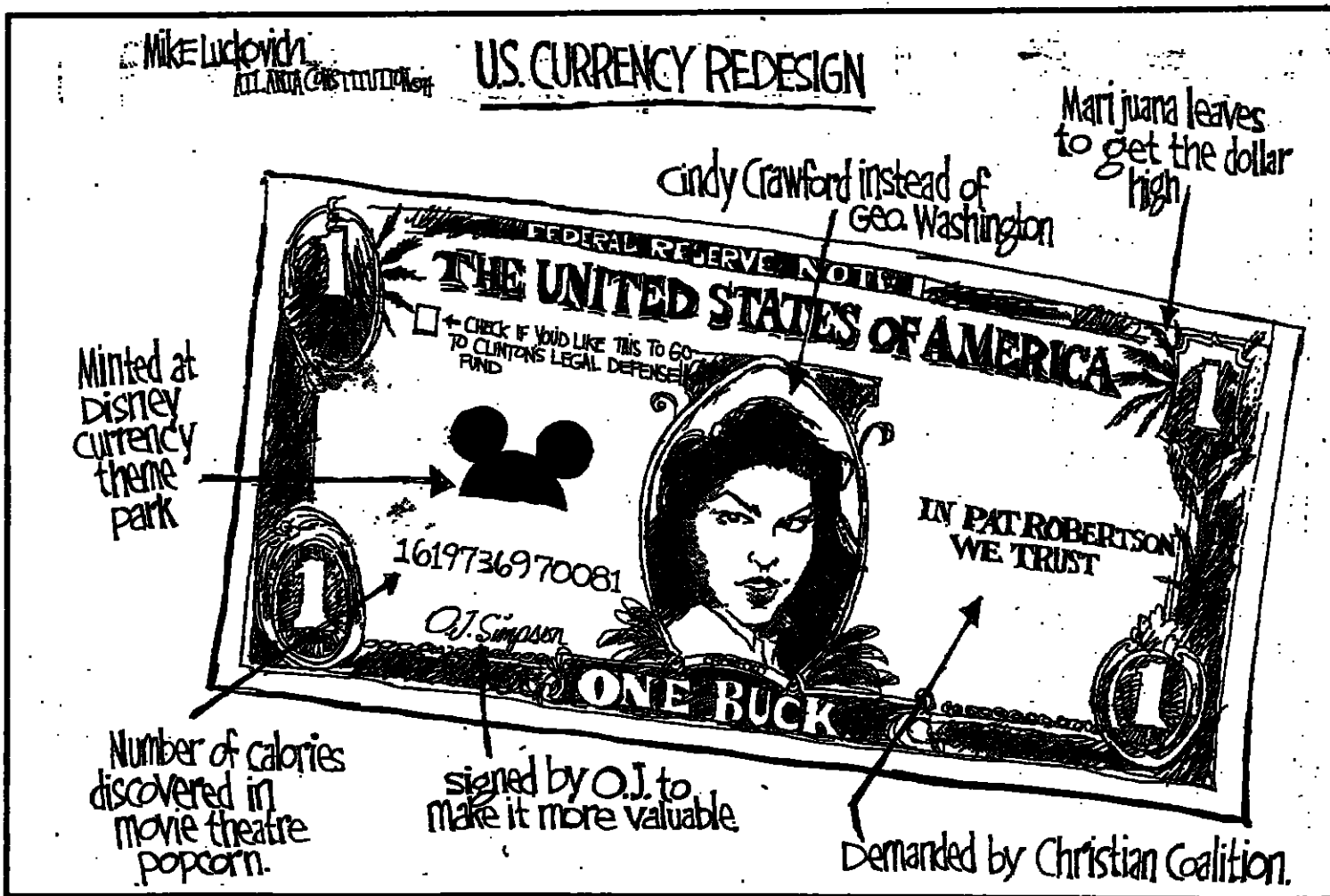
If it had been left to the top dogs in the class war, the proles would not have the eight-hour day, Social Security, Medicare or unemployment benefits. Health insurance is just the latest battlefield in that age-old class war.

Bob Dole and his rockin' Gridlockers made the political calibration: They could not afford, this election year, to be seen as implacably opposed to any reform. So they picked out the cheapest and chintziest brand of low-rent cardboard-and-colored-paper package that would pass media muster, and they're running with it. Fair enough. Them that has were never going to roll over easily. They have to be beaten, not just persuaded. It never works any other way. So. Let the beating begin.

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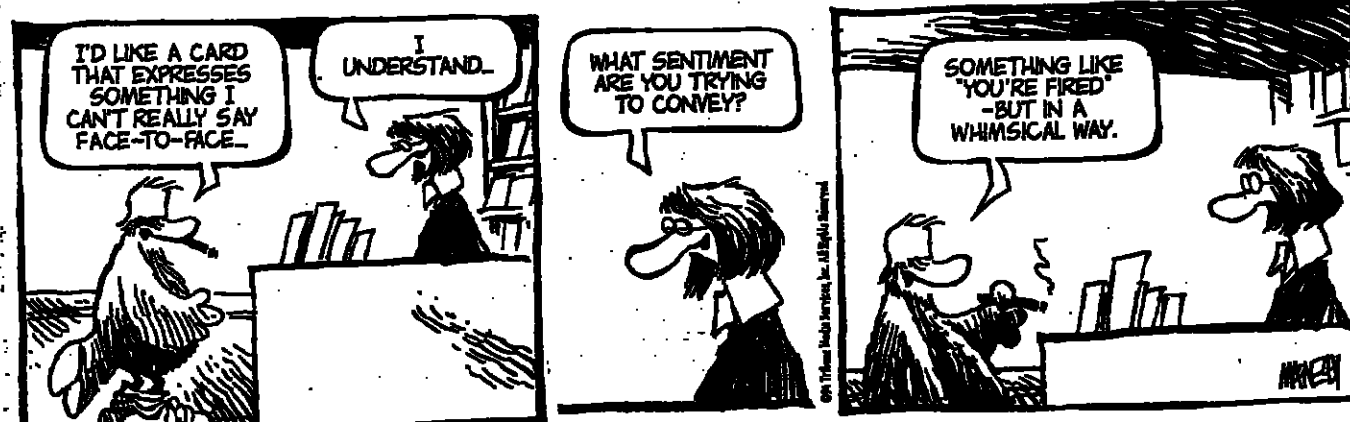
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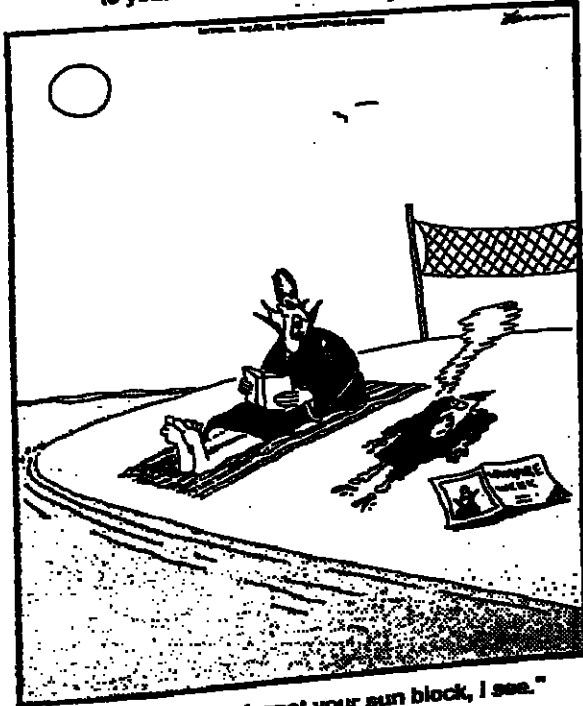


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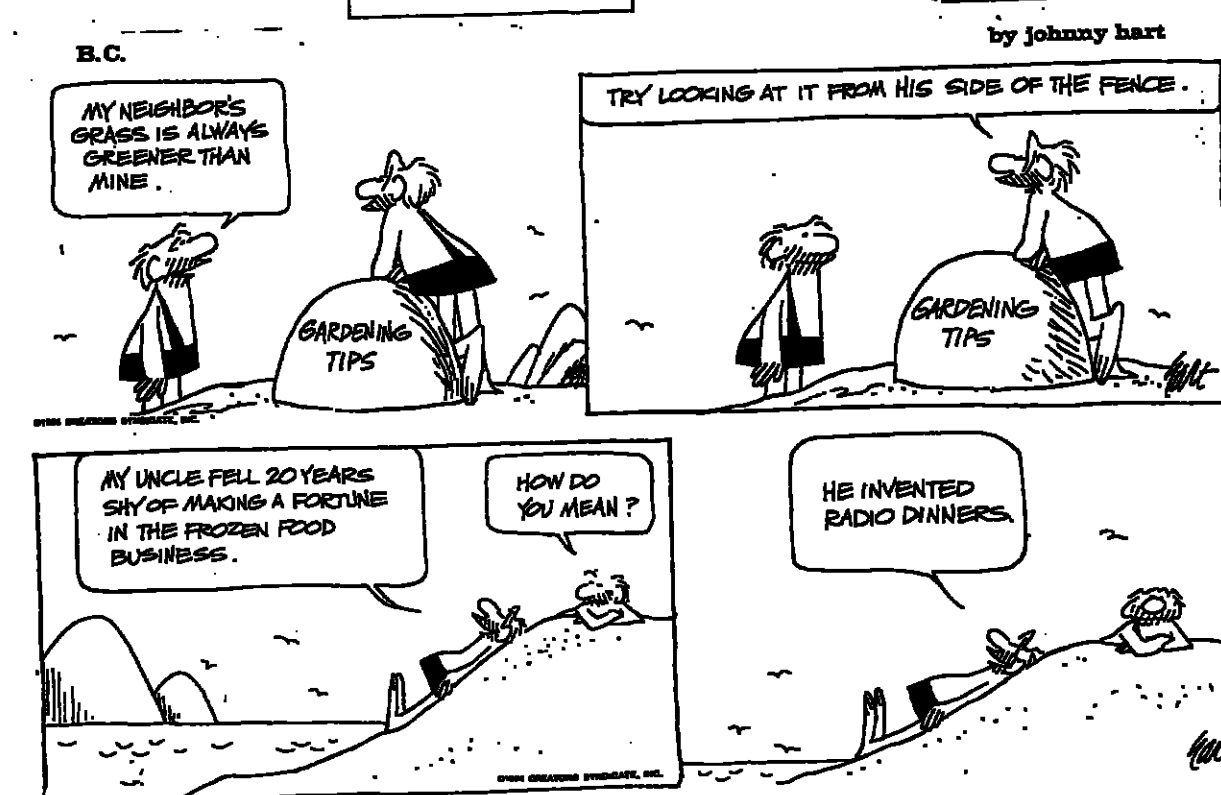
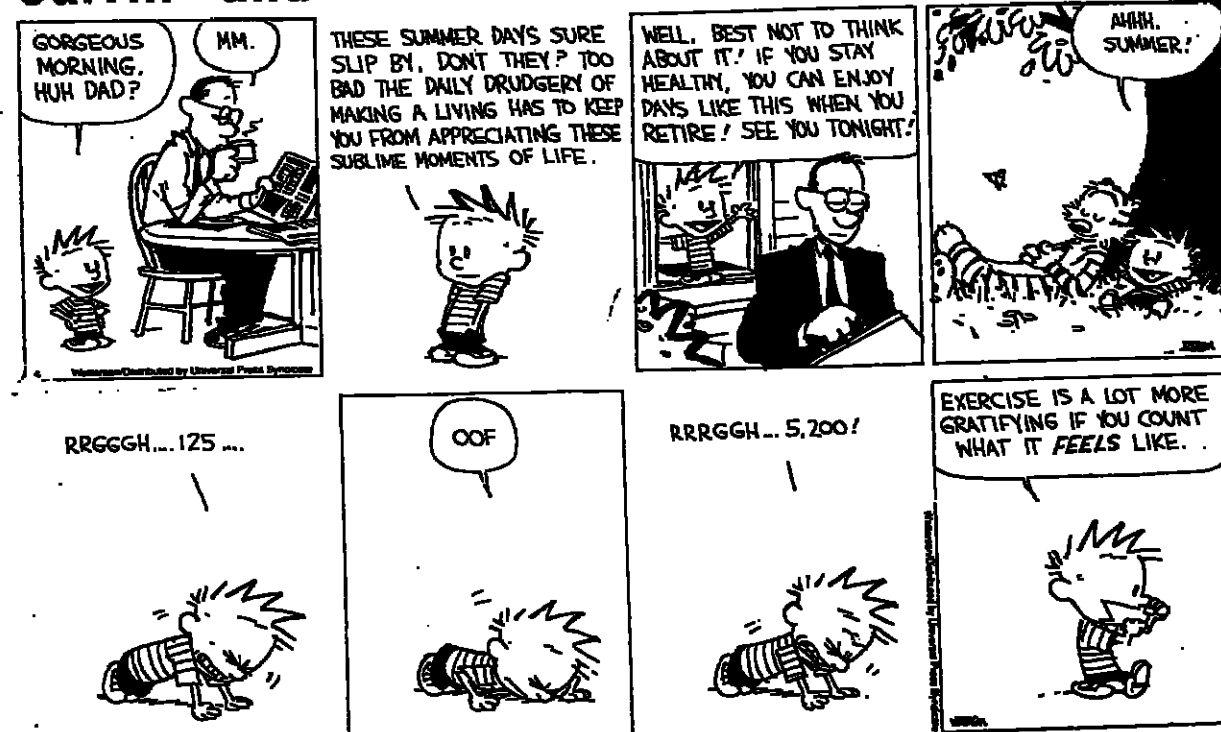
"So let's go over it again: You're about a mile up, you see something dying below you, you circle until it's dead, and down you go. Lenny, you stick close to your brothers and do what they do."



"Well, Donald - forgot your sun block, I see."

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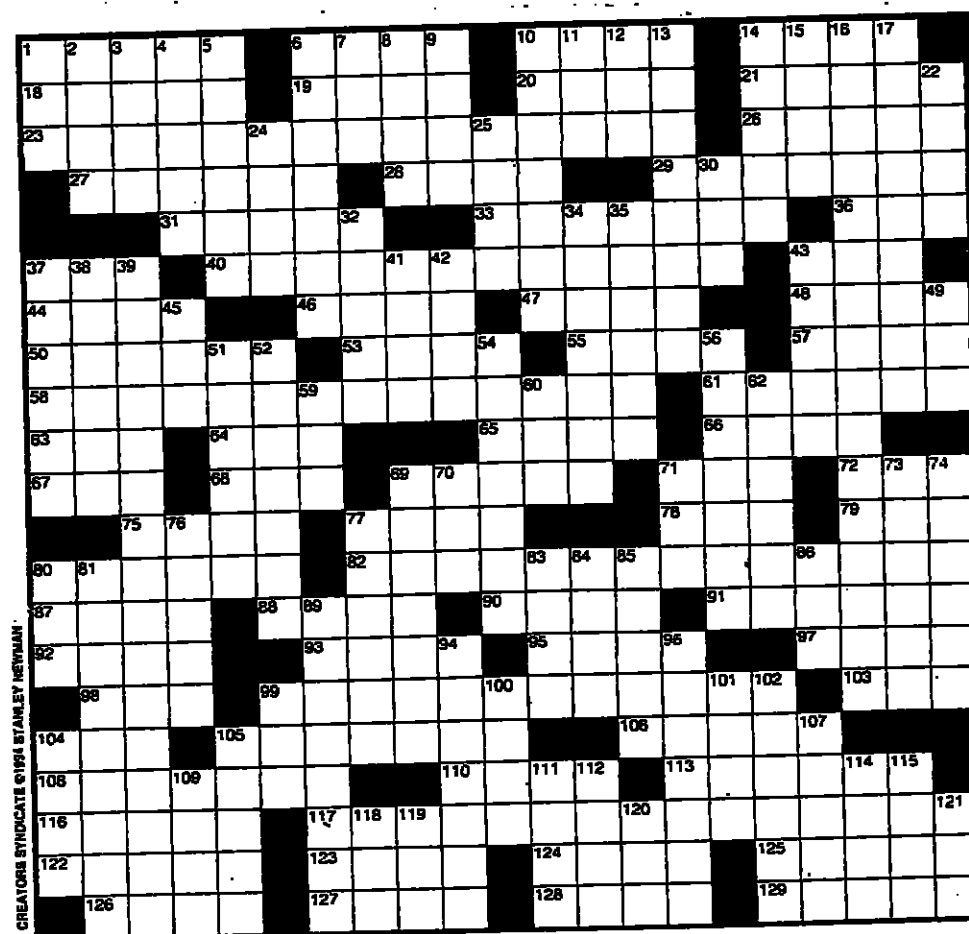
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- 14 Barn-door closer
- 18 Quick-minded
- 19 Flight inducer
- 20 Cleveland's lake
- 21 The Innocence (Wharton book)
- 23 Pharaoh's butler?
- 26 Rental agreement
- 27 Century chunk
- 28 -friendly (easy to operate)
- 29 Carrie Nye and hubby Dick
- 31 Actress Alvarado
- 33 Instant-coffee brand
- 36 Interrogatory interjections
- 37 Coolidge, for short
- 40 One "halvah" fight?
- 43 Mrs., in Mexico
- 44 Surmounting
- 46 "What is new?"
- 47 Identical
- 48 Lenin's land
- 50 Tankard material
- 53 Offshore
- 55 Beatty and Buntline
- 57 Southern senator
- 58 Pointy-headed first aiders?
- 61 Chewy candy
- 63 Linguist's suffix
- 64 LXXX times XIX
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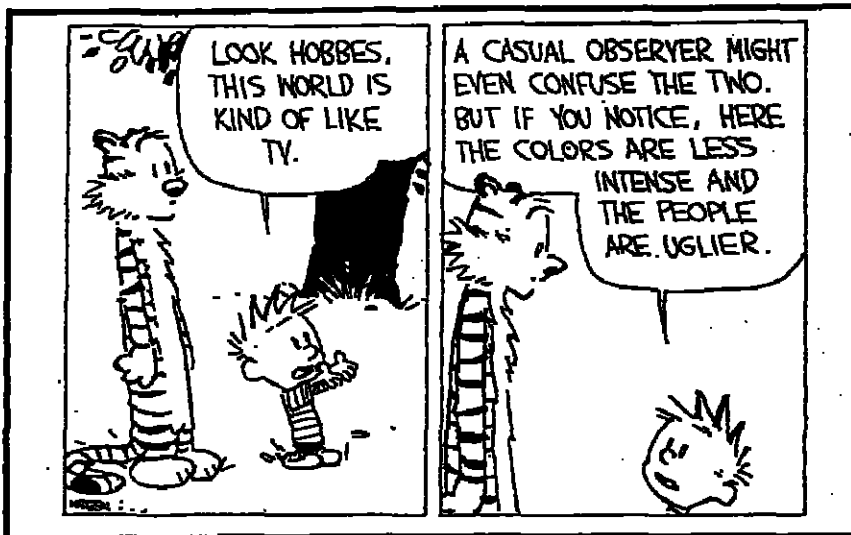
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- 9 Mine discoveries
- 10 Doris Duke was one
- 11 Flying fisher
- 12 Fit sails to
- 13 Know fear
- 14 Bisect
- 15 Author/critic James
- 16 Beirut ushers?
- 17 Immediately
- 22 Parker who played Crockett
- 24 Garfield's pal
- 25 -State (Ohio school)
- 30 Orch. union
- 32 Ibiza and Tenerife
- 34 Anthem parts
- 35 "you-are" party
- 37 Completed
- 38 Drill sergeant's command
- 39 Subsidized housing in Riyadh?
- 41 Exxon forerunner
- 42 Big coral cluster
- 43 Antibacterial drug
- 45 School org.
- 49 Hwy.
- 51 Clown Kelly
- 52 Marine target
- 54 "Week-at-" (calendar style)
- 56 Take a break en route
- 59 "What I for Love"
- 60 Comparative suffix
- 62 Test of endurance



- 69 In the way of
- 70 "whiz"
- 71 Play-for-pay athlete
- 73 Insidiously
- 74 Secret meetings
- 76 Man of fables
- 77 Takes the helm
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- 81 Europe's oldest state
- 83 Boat body
- 84 Dies
- 85 Brazzaville's nation
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- 111 Garage sale caveat
- 112 Barrett of gossip
- 114 New Jersey city
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- 118 Boo or yoo follower
- 119 Yoko
- 120 TV regulator
- 121 Rage

Laurie Ouellette

Camcorders R Us



and relegate it to "spot" news, such as sports, weather, accidents, and natural disasters.

Even George Holliday's infamous video footage of Los Angeles police officers beating Rodney King was originally framed in trivializing terms, labeled "amateur" and "accidental." Shortly after the beating, *USA Today* described the situation as Holliday just wanting to "play with his new toy." The extensive media coverage of the King beating meant that Holliday's footage could not, however, be contained within the usual frameworks. Discussions of consumer camcorder practices made their way into the popular press, where it was finally revealed that activists and community groups had also been regularly using camcorders to document police brutality and to create alternative programming. But it did not take long for a new set of invalidating terms to emerge. "Video vigilantism" and amateur "surveillance" were identified as the ugly underside of America's new fascination with camcorders. As one *Newsweek* commentator put it, "Big Brother is now your neighbor. All these people running around with video cameras are playing with dynamite."

Sometimes the rules governing how amateurs "participate" in the production of television are sometimes internalized and self-imposed. Take the case of the Home Video News Network, a 3800-member strong network established to help amateur newsgatherers sell their footage to local and network news stations. According to HVNN philosophy, "participation" in the news does not include shaping news agendas or any type of activity which might call into question established newsgathering operations. We're a support network for people "who just happen to have a camcorder in the right place at the right time," says founder Larry Roberts. The HVNN promotional tape advises amateurs to look for unusual weather and accidents and to emphasize the "people involved in flames and

wrecks." As one member put it, "The TV stations want anything that has smoke and fire coming out of buildings, or people hanging from the sides. They want the major trauma, that's what brings in the ratings."

In the early days of television, before the current system was institutionalized and became "naturalized" among the public, inventors and social visionaries imagined dozens of more populist and interactive possibilities. Today, the camcorder provides an opportunity call into question the one-way flow of commercial television, and to imagine what a more democratic broadcasting system could be like. Yet this potential is unlikely to be realized without serious ideological intervention on the part of media activists, advocates, and independent producers. At a time when truly interesting and important camcorder media (such as the video aired on *The 90's* before it was pulled from PBS or *Globalvision's* program on human rights abuses, *Rights & Wrongs*) cannot find a place on commercial or public television, explanations which range beyond the predictable (eg. media monopoly or conservative censorship) must be sought. If people (as opposed to merely "progressives") are ever to have a part of grassroots television as producers or audiences, it will be necessary to reclaim the video revolution before the "preferred" uses of camcorders become ingrained as plain old common sense.

Despite the considerable forces working against the possibility of participatory TV in a consumer culture, the new potential offered by the camcorder—as witnessed by the rapid work on the part of dominant interests to control and contain it—is too important to ignore. If the left has somehow dismissed the idea of any real chance for wide-scale two-way mass communication under late capitalism as utopian, we must, as Bertold Brecht said long ago, continue to ask (and not assume) why that is so.

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Margaret Talbot

Back to the Future

Pining for the old days in Germany

When you walk into the crowded grocery store called Ost-Kost in the Prenzlauerberg section of East Berlin, you enter a cold war never-never land. Ost-Kost sells products made in what was once the German Democratic Republic, unsexually packaged stuff that East Germans remember from their childhoods and can't find in newer, flashier stores. White soap called "White Soap," Club Cola, the anti-Coke, made by the "People's Own Company" in Leipzig. Pickled *wurstchen* (sausage) from the East German heartland of Thuringia. Parchmentlike cocktail napkins that say Prost ("Cheers") and Na Zdrorouye ("To your health"), and in an awkward nod to internationalism, "Cheerio."

Stores like Ost-Kost are springing up all over the former East Germany, catering to a growing nostalgia for everyday life in the GDR that goes by the name *ostalgie*. Consumer preference is just one manifestation of this fond reversion to things past, but it's a striking one. Little by little, since the advent of a single German currency, East Germans have returned to old buying habits; more than 80 percent of them now say they prefer to buy East German products whenever they can. And any number of companies, most of them owned by Westerners, have developed ad campaigns that play to a longing for the walled-off past or to a kind of defensive East German identity: "Hurrah, I'm still alive. Club Cola. Our Cola." "I smoke Jewel because the sun still always rises in the East." "Beer from Here."

Philip Morris, which owns the former GDR cigarette brand F6, has been particularly solicitous of the East German ego. Unlike the manufacturers of Cabinet cigarettes, another cold war-era brand that is its leading competitor in the East, Philip Morris decided to preserve F6's familiar taste and packaging. The result is that Cabinet has steadily lost customers, while F6 has become the best-selling cigarette in the new German states (even racking up higher sales than such Western newcomers as Marlboro). As one of Philip Morris's marketing memos puts it, F6 represents "a piece of East German cultural history and constitutes a meaningful part of the formation of identity for the citizens of the new federal states." The ad strategy for F6, the memo declares, should confirm the sense East Germans have that

"many things in the GDR weren't so bad and even today have the right to exist."

The *ostalgie* wave has churned up all kinds of cultural detritus. Clubs in cities like Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin are putting on disco parties featuring back-from-the-dead GDR bands, Erich Honecker look-alikes as M.C.s and plenty of the East German sparkling wine called Rot-Kappchen. (At one such party in Dresden, 2,500 people turned up; anyone wearing the blue uniforms of the Free German Youth, the old state youth organization, got in free.) The *Jugendweihe*, the anti-clerical confirmation ceremony that was once the central ritual of Communist liturgy in the GDR, is making a comeback (albeit purged of its vows to the Socialist state): 74,000 14-year-olds went through the ceremony in 1994, compared with 50,000 in 1991. Screenings of East German movies like *The Legend of Paul and Paula* (1973), a love story about a shop girl and a party boss, are pulling in enthusiastic audiences.

Likewise, rock groups that enjoyed official favor in the GDR and were never expected to survive the invasion of rap and grunge are suddenly selling again. Some of their new C.D.s—with names like *Das waren unsere Hits*—are compilations from the golden years of Bloc rock. Others are new efforts from old standbys like Veronika Fischer and the Puhdys, who tunelessly evoke the traumas of unification. "It was a land/ It was my land," sings the frosted-blond Fischer with a sob. "But it disappeared from one day to another/ So fast that nobody can get it back again/ I love it, I hated it/ I love it, I hated it... and now all that's left is the dream on which it stood."

To the American observer, to anyone who remembers those scenes of euphoria on the Berlin Wall, the sentimentalization of the GDR seems more than a little peculiar. Could anyone other than Honecker's family and a few of his boar-hunting apparatchiks really miss a state that spied on one-quarter of its citizens, that maintained contingency plans for interning "hostile" negative elements, that could ensure its people's

loyalty only with miles and miles of barbed wire and concrete? *Ostalgic* East Germans, however, often make a distinction: "It's not the GDR that we defend," says singer Barbara Thalheim. "It's our life in the GDR."

More than anything else, though, *ostalgie* is a symptom of the persistent differences between East and West Germans and of their growing resentment of one another. Three years ago the West German writer Peter Schneider wondered if the severed halves of Germany would turn out to be like those twins separated at birth who grow up to display uncannily similar traits and tastes—if reunified Germany, in other words, would turn out to be a kind of brief for nature over nurture. At the moment it looks as if nurture is winning out. A recent survey of East German attitudes

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conducted by market researchers Peter Dietrich and Uta Freising found that almost four years after unification "the picture that East Germans have of West Germans is so negative that the word disapproval really doesn't describe it. Hatred would be more like it." Only 4 percent of the 200 East Germans Dietrich and Freising interviewed mentioned democracy as a "positive change" brought about by unification; 75 percent felt the struggle to find and keep a job made life much harder than it had been in the GDR. "West Germans seem to us so competitive, so self-involved, concerned only with getting ahead," says Erika Goetz, a psychiatrist in East Berlin who specializes in treating what might be called "unification sickness." "In the GDR there was so much emphasis on the collective. And many of my patients miss that."

They miss it all the more when they see that the economic landscape of East Germany has failed to "bloom" as Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised it would in his campaign speeches of 1990. Officially, unemployment in the East stands

at 16 percent (double that in the West); unofficially, it may be as high as 30 percent. Many more East Germans now enjoy material comforts in the form of T.V.s and VCRs and stereos, but it will clearly be a long time—some economists say at least a decade—before the East German economy catches up to the West's.

Of course, the citizens of the former GDR need not have believed Kohl's promises, but believe they did, and many are now bitterly disappointed. In some East Germans, it seems, the chancellor and the Westis have managed to instill what Honecker and the party chiefs before him never could: a defiant sense of East Germanness. You see it, for example, in 32-year-old Gesine Lohsch, a woman who sits on the Berlin City Council and looks, in her fashionably oversized glasses and miniskirt, far too Eurocool to mess with. Yet Lohsch is sure that "many people in the West just think they're better than us; you can hear it even in the way they say the word *ostl*. So, on

our side we've developed a feeling, a special East German identity. It's in our values; it's in what we buy. Back in the '60s [East German head of state] Walter Ulbricht tried to declare a GDR identity—and there was a lot of protest from the Party. Now we're finding we really are different."

In Germany, such sentiments are unlikely to translate into electoral triumph for repackaged Communists, as they have in Lithuania, Poland, and most recently, Hungary. Though the Party of Democratic Socialism, the successor party of the East German Communists, has won as much as 25 percent of the vote in local elections in Eastern Germany, current polls give it considerably less in this fall's parliamentary elections. There are those who argue, in fact, that *ostalgie*'s real beneficiaries are on the right: the skinheads and the neo-Nazis. The sociologist Ulrich Becker suggested in *Der Spiegel* that some of the violence against foreigners could amount to a kind of "substitute war" that East and West Germans would really like to wage against one another.

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Author NED Buntline (55 Across) is best known for his romanticized novels featuring Buffalo Bill, N.V. (1 Down) stands for "net asset value." Pizza (22 Down) is one of the Balkan islands. Tennessee (32 Down) is one of the 50 states. (102 Down) winner of two Pulitzer Prizes for biography, was a founder of "American Heritage" magazine.

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This hobby is not for the squeamish

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

PERHAPS the recent rash of programs on cable TV had something to do with the numerous inquiries we've had about keeping snakes as pets.

Most of these calls and letters came from teenage boys, with only a rare inquiry from girls.

Keeping snakes has never been the most popular hobby. Not only is it looked upon with extreme disfavor by most parents, and even siblings, but it is a difficult and demanding job which is certainly not one to be treated casually.

The first question asked by most of those who want to take up the hobby is, "What kind of snake should I get?"

The answer is easy — one of the nonpoisonous kind. These not only do not have any venom to inject but actually have no fangs and cannot bite. This category includes corn snakes, king snakes, smaller boas, among others.

But the next question — "Where do I get a pet snake?" — is a bit more complicated. All snakes in Israel are protected species and may not be caught or kept without a special permit from the Nature Reserves Authority.

The penalty for keeping a protected animal without a permit is a fine and even, in some cases, imprisonment.

Some people have brought American king snakes and the like from a trip abroad or have ordered them shipped here. This requires an import license from the Veterinary Service of the Agriculture Ministry in Beit Dagan.

But for the amateur herpetologist the real problem in keeping snakes is supplying them with the proper food. For most snakes, this means live mice. Although some snakes can eventually be trained to take dead mice for dinner, this



Keeping snakes as pets is a demanding job, but there seems to be a growing interest in it around the country. (Zeev Ackerman)

is a time-consuming and difficult job.

In any case, you still have to kill the mice, which is not a job for the squeamish. Nor is it always easy to get live mice. Even when dealing with smaller snakes that eat lesser prey, the matter is not simple.

For some, a supply of certain insects or grubs must be provided, while others need meal worms or

fly larvae, both of which are somewhat demanding to raise.

In addition, each species has its own requirements as to humidity, temperature and living arrangements, and these are not always easy to provide.

The best suggestion I can give young snake keepers is to really learn their subject first. This means not only doing some exten-

sive reading on the subject but also, if at all possible, volunteering for work at the vivarium of their local zoo or zoology department of their nearest university.

If they are serious, it is there they will find people who will be willing to share their knowledge and experience. This will give the aspiring herpetologist a chance to see if this really is something he

or she wants to undertake.

Another consideration one must take into account is that most young people are going to be away from home for from two to three years in the near future for their military service.

While they may be able to enlist mom to take care of their dog or even their birds, it's doubtful she will want to keep their snakes.

Swim, dammit!

KISHON'S KEYHOLE
EPHRAIM KISHON

MY son stands on the swimming-pool steps and bawls.

"Come into the water!" I say.

"I'm scared!"

For the past half hour I've tried to coax my little redhead to let his daddy teach him to swim, but he is scared. Amir's fearsome crying is still in low gear but going strong.

One could say it's very promising. I remember only too well how my daddy tried to teach me to swim, and I stood there on the steps of the swimming pool and cried my heart out.

In the meantime, educational methods have improved somewhat. Far be it from me to force my boy to do something against his will. He'll have to take the decisive step towards the conquest of the waves all by himself. Like a royal eagle leaving the parental eyrie for the first time, he'll need only a light shove. Nature will do the rest, even if it be a rotten nature. Understanding, kindness and lots and lots of love: that's what a devoted father has to lavish in such a situation.

"Look, look," I say to my kiten, "the water hardly reaches up to your navel. I'm holding you tight. What can happen to you?"

"I'm scared."

"Are you stupid, or weaker than the other kids?"

"Yes!"

Amir admits this freely, unreservedly. A quick look around: the lifeguard is watching me from under his straw hat; scoffing parents are pointing us out to their frolicking brats. Before my mind's eye there appears a sinking ship, all the passengers waiting patiently in line for the captain's instructions, only a burly red-haired man elbows his way through the crowd of women and children and plumps himself down in the first lifeboat. This is my son who didn't learn to swim from his daddy.

"What are you scared of?"

"Of sinking."

"How can you sink in five inches of water? How?"

"I'm scared."

This child is allergic to water.

"Even if you wanted to, you could not drown." I appeal to his intellect. "The body has a low specific gravity, so it floats on water. Look!"

Daddy lies on the water and floats nicely on his back. It is most instructive, but just then some fool dives straight on my head and my mouth fills with water. I splutter, my specific gravity sinks, and my son bawls on the steps in third gear.

I enlist government help. "Mr. Lifeguard, tell him: Could anybody drown here in the children's pool?"

"And how," Straw-hat says. "You bet!"

Any other daddy would by now have dragged his son bodily into the pool, but not me, no sir. I love my son, despite his shortcomings, despite his inarticulate howls. What's more, I never loved him more than now, just because he shakes so much, because he looks so stupid, damn it.

"Come, let's make a gentleman's agreement," I propose. "I won't touch you. You'll walk in up to your knees. If you like it, you stay. If you don't, you get out and that's that. OK?"

My son bawls but takes a hesitant step forward. Result: doesn't like it, doesn't stay, gets the bell out and that's that. Amir is again on dry land. This time his bawling is legitimate. He also tries mute shrieks and now then yells "Mummy." That's his custom, to call for his mother in every situa-

tion, even when she's chasing him, fully intending to murder him in cold blood.

"Amir," I say to him, "if you don't get in right away there won't be any TV tonight!"

Now that was too severe. My son bawls even in reverse. The pool water becomes distinctly salty.

"But look how simple it is," I demonstrate. "You stretch out your arms and count: one, two, three, four...."

All right, I can't swim and count. No one ever taught me. I am not a swimmer. I am only a writer. Amir stands on the stairs and escalates. A fun-loving crowd gathers around us. I jump out of the pool and my son flees for his life, his bawling at maximum volume, but I catch him in an iron grip. I drag him back to teach him swimming of his own free will.

"Mummy," my son cries, "I'm scared!"

I have a strange feeling of déjà vu. Yes, yes, my father too had dragged me like this into the pool and I too had yelled desperately. Such is life; the clash of generations is inevitable. The fathers eat sour grapes and their sons bawl. "Not water!" my son bawls. "Not water, Mummy!"

"I'm holding him in the air about a meter above the water and he claims, crying, that he's drowning."

"One, two, three," I order, "swim!"

The child cries but goes through the motions. This is encouraging, but what's the use? I'm not trying to teach him to fly. I lower the eagle cautiously to the water level. He fights for his life, switches to colloquial Arabic, but I am stronger because I am an athletic type.

"Swim!" I hear myself roaring.

"One, two, three...."

He bit me! He bit the hand that feeds him, or rather the hand that right now is quenching his thirst.

I catch him between my legs and fix his shaking hips in a steel vise. I force his hands forward and then back, one, two, three. I make him swim, even if he drinks up the whole pool in the process.

"Don't... be... afraid!"

One day he'll thank me that I taught him to rule the waves. But right now he kicks. His feet, relatively free, beat a tattoo on my back, in time with his bawls. My son's face is distorted with crying. He has aged a whole day in just one hour. I push him deep into the water. So he's drinking a little water, my specific gravity sinks, and my son bawls on the steps in third gear.

Swim! I can't remember when I last felt such anger towards any creature. What is he afraid of, damn it? What is there to be afraid of here?

The lifeguard taps me on the shoulder. "Sir, leave that kid alone, will you?"

This is typical. Instead of helping a father overcome the difficulties of teaching, instead of offering a cork lifebelt, instead of getting things going, this nitwit comes to the assistance of the noisy minority. I lift the eagle out of the water and return to the land, hardly concealing my scorn. My son stops on the steps and cries as he has never cried before, while I dive into the water.

I do an elegant swan dive to show the silly boy what he is missing. I use my favorite breast stroke, but something has gone wrong. I feel as if there is no coordination between my legs and my arms, as if I am sinking. Hell, what do you mean "as if" — I am sinking... Mummy!

Flood of good intentions failed to save a colony

THE object and purpose of this association shall be the improvement of the moral and intellectual condition of its members and their families, to produce their welfare by united and harmonious action on their part, and to afford mutual assistance to themselves.

So stated the constitution for the First Agricultural Colony of Russian Israelites of America in 1881.

The 42 members of the association were about to establish a colony on Sicily Island in the Mississippi River and to adopt an honorable profession, farming.

The Sicily crowd aimed at living in peace. They had no nationalist aspirations. They wanted to be "people of the land." Dr. Margalit Shilo, in *Zion Quarterly*, examines the establishment of the colony, as well as the reasons for its early abandonment.

"They wished to defy the accusation, often leveled against Jews, of being 'parasitic,'" she notes. Agriculture was honorable. "We want to be reliable citizens of the new country," according to the preamble of the settlement's constitution.

Herman Rosenthal explained, in the Hebrew daily *Hamelitz* in 1894, that as long as Jews relied on the work of others, they would be maligned.

Not all Jewish leaders agreed. Some feared that a large concentration of Jews in one place might enhance antisemitism, because it hampered absorption into Gentile society.

Better lose themselves in towns. Anyhow, the Gentiles said Jews were not fit for farming. Better peddle.

Encouragement came from the officials responsible for agricultural and immigration in Louisiana.

"We want to show the world

that the Hebrew is not only a merchant; he can also till the land." Jewish leaders in New York preferred to send impecunious new immigrants to the West or South, where Jews were less of a presence.

Rosenthal was known in Russia as a writer and publisher. He had a printing press in Kremenchug, the Russian town from which the pioneer of Jewish settlement Zalman David Levontin hailed. Rosenthal went to New York in 1881, and two days after his arrival newspapers published his appeal to create public committees to help new immigrants.

THE RUSSIAN Emigrant Relief Committee was established in New York in September 1881.

The number of prospective colonists who appealed to the committee exceeded all estimates. Rosenthal urged them to go farming.

New Orleans was one of the places eager to encourage the trend. Louisiana was sparsely populated, and the Mississippi often flooded. Governor Samuel D. McEnery appealed through local Jews to the New York committee and offered help to Jews wishing to settle there.

The authorities would give a new immigrant 160 acres of land free of charge. The climate was good, the water plentiful, he assured them. But the would-be farmers were not interested in the land the state was offering.

Hardly any of the immigrants had any experience in farming, but there was no lack of candidates. In New Orleans, many thousands were expected to arrive. The candidates were assured that there would be "no lack of money." The idea of a Jewish agricultural village was catching the imagination of Jews and Gentiles alike.

Rosenthal, who had never been

THERE AND THEN
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enthusiastic about the South, nevertheless led the settlers. The New York committee paid their fare, but there were delays in receiving the start-up funding. Meanwhile, the settlers were accommodated in temporary lodgings at state expense.

About 11,200 dunams on Sicily Island were suggested as a good site by its owners, the Newman brothers of New Orleans, who promised to waive their demands for payment in the first year.

It was estimated that each family would need \$500 to establish itself. The New York committee sent \$1,800 for the entire group. The New Orleans sponsors appealed for contributions, and "not only from Jews."

The "constitution" of the settlers envisaged a sort of collective setup, similar if not to kibbutz then to guidelines governing mo-shavim during their first 25 years. The corporation alone was to be the legal body capable of purchasing and handling land and all property and entering into contracts of all sorts.

"No member of the colony... shall have the right directly or indirectly to sell, barter, manufacture, detail or concoct any spirituous or malt liquors," the constitution stated. "All money belonging to any individual member... will remain as a general fund for the benefit of the colony or association."

"All produce grown, raised, or gathered on the lands of the association or colony (except such as may be needed for the use or consumption of the members) shall be shipped or consigned to the Immigrants' Aid Association of New Orleans."

THERE WERE festive celebrations to wish the settlers luck. "The settlers waxed as work began under the guidance of an expert farmer. But soon complaints soared. The climate was bad, the malaria enfeebling. Inhabitants in the area were "socially retarded." The settlers, coming from different backgrounds, had little in common with each other.

About half the settlers moved to the cities to try their hands at peddling. In April 1882, the Mississippi flooded the island, wrecking fields and houses and causing despair. A few of the settlers tried to stay on, but they left by 1883.

Less than eight months after the Sicily Island settlers moved to their grounds, a smaller group of immigrants to Palestine made a bid to establish a farming community on a barren piece of land south of Jaffa.

The pioneers of Rishon LeZion, like their American brothers, adopted agriculture as a means to direct fellow Jews toward "positive" occupations instead of the despicable small trading.

The 17 families in Rishon paid for their land. Their neighbors proved to be inhospitable; the authorities were hostile. The settlers suffered from climatic calamities too, and were desperate in their efforts to make ends meet.

Nevertheless, the Rishon settlers rode it out, while the Sicily Island colony folded in no time. Why?

Dr. Shilo, of the History of the Yishuv department at Bar-Ilan University, has no doubts about the reason: It was the ideology which had moved the Zionists. They intended not only to adopt the honorable profession of farming, but were conscious that they were creating the nucleus of a national home. This aim cemented their resolve to stay on the land.

Unsuspected by the promoters of Jewish colonization, a radical change was happening in the farming world: mechanization. It was first evident in the US, where larger tracts were being tilled using fewer hands. The era of the small landowner was waning.

In Palestine, urbanization was taking the upper hand; the soil tiller had lost his honorable place in the social hierarchy. Even Rishon LeZion idealists eventually solved their problems by becoming a town.

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SPORTS

Bulls cut loose Horace Grant

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bulls said a bitter goodbye Friday to free-agent forward Horace Grant. Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said he won't try to re-sign Grant, whom he accused of backing out of a handshake deal for a five-year contract worth more than \$20 million. "We were prepared to make him the highest-paid Chicago Bull of all time," Reinsdorf said at an emotional news conference. "I've decided to say goodbye to Horace Grant. I wish him well."

And Reinsdorf claimed that Grant's unhappiness with the Bulls — manifested as unconfirmed injuries or "blue flin" that kept Grant out of a handful of games — cost the team the home-court advantage in this year's NBA playoffs.

"I believe we failed to achieve the best record in the Eastern Conference because we lost the games that Horace failed to play," Reinsdorf said. Grant, provided the inside scoring and rebounding muscle for the Bulls' three championship teams, is negotiating a contract with the Orlando Magic, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Friday.

Grant's departure sets the Bulls firmly on a course of rebuilding after failing to win a fourth consecutive NBA championship. Forward Scott Williams signed this week with the Philadelphia 76ers, and Reinsdorf said the Bulls are open to the right trade for forward Scottie Pippen. The team now has only Pippen and three other players under contract.

In other NBA news, free agent forward Danny Manning said he'll be in a Phoenix Suns uniform by fall. "Some people might be taken aback by this decision," Manning said at America West Arena. "This is just where I want to be. This is the place for me. This is where I want to play basketball, and this is where I want to raise my family."

Also, Bill Fitch, the man who has lost more games than any coach in NBA history (877), has agreed to coach the Los Angeles Clippers. "The job is available and it fits what I like to do," Fitch said after being introduced as the ninth coach in the team's 10-year history in Los Angeles. He replaces Bob Weiss, who was fired May 16.

Dan Schneider faces Hasaot Benny in finals

Post Sports Staff
HASAOT Benny will face Dan Schneider Sports in the Jerusalem Post Softball League finals after Hasaot beat Shani Tal Tigers 13-9 on Thursday to win the semifinals.

Brad Schachter went 3-4 and had two RBIs. Bob Silverman went 4-4 with three RBIs and Bernie Kaffel 3-4 with one RBI. The winning pitcher was Burt Tammenbaum.

For Shani Tal, Jerry Glanz had a two-run single and Tal Kitaoka had an in-the-park home run.

The match-up pits last year's Friday League champion (Hasaot) against the Friday champion of two years ago, or, alternatively, the third-seed team against the first-seed.

Schedule (best two-out-of-three, all games at Kibbutz Givat): Game 1, today, 19:30; Game 2, Tuesday 19:30; Game 3, if necessary, Thursday 19:30. Further information can be obtained by calling the league hotline at (02) 278-694.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Berger wins Ferrari's first pole
Gerhard Berger won Ferrari's first pole position in nearly four years yesterday, leading a front-row sweep for the Italian sports car maker at the German Grand Prix.

The 10-year veteran Austrian used nine laps to get down to a time of 1 minute, 43.582 seconds on the 6.82-kilometer Hockenheim circuit, averaging 237.133 kph. The time was more than a second better than his time Friday of 1:44.616 when he was second on the provisional grid behind Damon Hill and his Williams Renault.

O'Brien struggles on 1,500 meters
Dan O'Brien had no difficulty beating his opposition. He just couldn't conquer the 1,500-meter race.

Going into the 1,500 at the Goodwill Games yesterday, O'Brien needed to run only 4 minutes, 40.92 seconds to break his world record score of 8,891 points. Instead, he loafed around the track in a humiliating 5:10.94, and finished with 8,715 points.

Cricket wrap-up
Leicestershire was 74 for four wickets in reply to South Africa's first innings 270 for eight declared at the close of the first day of their three-day cricket match yesterday.

Scores: South Africa 270-8 declared; Leicestershire 74-4.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS — Richey Reneberg (US) beat Andre Mandorff 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 Thursday at the \$1.7 million Canadian Open tournament in Toronto.



IN THE BEGINNING — Olympic basketball tournament in Berlin, 1936: Philippines vs. Mexico.

Reign in Spain goes on

LONDON (AP) — It's been a big sporting year for Spain, and this weekend continued the amazing trend.

Jose Maria Olazabal won the US Masters golf in April, Conchita Martinez won the ladies Wimbledon title early this month, and Spain took the double at the French Open with Sergi Bruguera and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario two weeks before that.

But last week saw perhaps the biggest win of them all when Miguel Indurain became only the third rider in history to win four consecutive Tours de France.

The world's greatest cycling event wasn't enough, though, as Spaniards

also won tennis and golf tournaments in Europe.

Martinez and Sanchez-Vicario led Spain to a clean sweep straight sets victory over the US in the Federation Cup final in Frankfurt; Alberto Berasategui, beaten by Bruguera in the French final, went one better in Stuttgart at the Mercedes Cup; and Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Dutch Open golf by two strokes.

Indurain's achievement was the

one which captured the nation most of all as church bells pealed, champagne uncorked and fireworks shot off, and his home town of Villava gave him a welcome home party.

He received congratulations from the highest level. Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez sent a telegram, complementing his "capacity for sacrifice, class and healthy spirit of competition."

Education Minister Gustavo

Suarez Pertierra, in charge of national sports programs said: "This exemplary effort, which produces such results, is a prime example for Spanish youth, not just so they learn more about sports, but so they learn to exert themselves."

Sanchez-Vicario and Martinez, the No. 2 and 3 ranked players on the WTA Tour, didn't seem to need to exert themselves too much, romping over the Americans.

FIBA facts: A basketball guide that could use some 'pizazz'

The World Championships are around the corner, so what better time to brush up on international basketball trivia? Brian Freeman guides us through "FIBA Basketball Results 1932-1993," (Munich, 1994).

THE adage that you can't tell a book by its cover has never rung more true than for "FIBA Basketball Results 1932-1993."

The attractive color photo of US Olympic basketball player Charles Barkley on the medal stand is a powerful image that grabs the reader's attention.

But open the book and there are only drab listings of statistics that would test the patience of even the most devoted international basketball fan.

These listings are a wonderful reference for all results in international basketball tournaments, including the Olympics and World Championships.

Someone searching for what happened in previous World Championships before the 1994 starts next week in Canada, for example, can quickly find out that Yugoslavia won the gold medal in the 1990 games, with the Soviet Union taking the silver and the US managing only a bronze.

But FIBA could learn some lessons on how to put out a more useful historical statistical guide from its NBA cousin, which publishes books that match the richness of the sport.

The FIBA book makes the mistake of treating every international tournament with almost equal value. Most

aficionados would agree that the Olympic men's tournament and World Championships for men command an infinitely larger following than the Asian women's championships or Oceania men's championships.

Those minor tournaments deserve only marginal mention, freeing up space for what is lacking in the more major tournaments.

For several tournaments, the rosters of each team are included. However, most lists state only the last names, which makes it difficult for even the most ardent fan to make proper identifications.

For example, a glance at the victorious 1960 US Olympic men's basketball team roster to see who played with Jerry West and Oscar Robertson shows Smith, Lane and Kelley. Is a first name really too much to expect?

And is it too much to ask to have some life in the book by, for example, including the scoring, rebounding and assists leaders for the major tournaments? The space would certainly be better used to illustrate the stats of the outstanding players, rather than wasting almost half the book on minor tournaments.

In the introduction, the editors ad-

mit to having scrounged through the photo archives to put in illustrations to liven up the publication. But when even they confess they couldn't identify all the players, and since many of the photographs are of poor quality, it does not add much to the book.

A positive aspect is the listing of the group standings at each stage of the major tournaments to show where all the countries finished, including those that did not advance past the preliminary rounds. This is especially important for Israeli fans, since our national team did not always advance to the final rounds. Inexplicably, however, the book drops them in the later years.

Of course, since all the games are listed, a devoted reader can figure it out for himself, but this is surely not the idea of a guide book.

FIBA deserves credit for a good try for a compilation that was years in the making. But even lambasting the American tendency to overdo statistics, there is a middle ground between that and a lack of key facts.

Those interested in ordering a copy should send DM 98 (NIS 190) to Sekretariat of FIBA; Boschetsrieder Strasse 67, D-81379 Munich, Germany.

SF Giants raise money to fight AIDS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants' effort to raise money for AIDS services and research has snowballed into a major charity event, drawing an array of celebrities and corporations.

The Giants' "Until There's A Cure Day" is the first attempt by a professional sports team to raise funds to fight AIDS, according to Peter Magowan, the team's president and managing general partner.

The event will take place today, when the Giants take to the Colorado Rockies at Candlestick Park. The team has decided to donate \$1 from each ticket sold to San Francisco Bay Area non-profit AIDS organizations.

The Giants also will sell commemorative T-shirts and bracelets featuring the symbol of the Until There's a

Cure Foundation: a looped, red ribbon.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to AIDS vaccine development. The remainder will be distributed among the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Project Open Hand, the University of California at San Francisco AIDS Program, AIDS Project Contra Costa and Stanford Positive Care Clinic.

The Giants believe the event will raise more than \$100,000.

"Professional sports teams do have community obligations that they must take very seriously," Magowan said.

Magowan said the team received some critical letters about the plans to back an AIDS-related cause. But, at the same time, tickets to the game

were being sold just because of the charity, he said.

"We felt that this particular disease was of so much community concern here in San Francisco," Magowan said. "If we back any cause we want to try and do something meaningful for our community."

Sports stars taking part include figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi, football's Joe Montana and basketball's Magic Johnson, who has the AIDS-causing HIV virus. Model Cindy Crawford and actor Tom Selleck are also featured in televised advertisements.

Mary Fisher, the HIV-positive woman who spoke at the 1992 Republican National Convention, will address the crowd at the game.

Dream Team II sweats it out for world c'ship

CHICAGO, July 20 (Reuters) — Dream Team II began preparations for next month's World Championship of Basketball with a convincing 114-81 win over the German national team, and coach Don Nelson said his star-studded roster now knows how seriously he is taking the tournament.

Nelson said his millionaire players, the first group of NBA stars to compete for the US at a world championship, were worked very hard in steam-bath-like conditions at Moody Bible Institute.

"It was hot and I bet everybody lost at least 10 pounds," Nelson said about the workout at the humbly, non-air-conditioned gymnasium. "The floors were just wet with perspiration. The guys really feel they put in a hard day."

"If they thought I wasn't going to work them hard, I think they would be different now," added Nelson, coach of the NBA's Golden State Warriors. "We are going to have a hard training

camp and do it the right way."

The championship, which the US has won only twice, will be held from August 4-14 in Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario.

The 12-man US team that will take on 15 other national squads includes vaunted NBA centers Shaquille O'Neal (2.16m) and Alonzo Mourning (2.06m), powerful forwards Derrick Coleman, Larry Johnson, Shawn Kemp and Dominique Wilkins, shooting guard Reggie Miller and playmaker Kevin Johnson.

This will be the second US national team that includes NBA players. The first — dubbed the "Dream Team" — stormed their way to the 1992 Olympic gold medal in Barcelona.

"I don't think it's fair to compare this to the Dream Team," Nelson said.

"I don't think there will ever be anything like the Dream Team I," he added, evoking the memory of recent legends like Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird who shared their

magic on the hardwood.

Nelson said Croatia, which should feature Toni Kukoc and Dino Radja, would probably field the best team in the tournament other than the US. He also said Germany and Canada would likely bring strong teams.

"I'm not going to take anyone lightly, even though some people say all you have to do is roll the ball out there to win," Nelson said.

Nelson recalled scouting the last world championship where US collegians took the bronze behind champions Yugoslavia.

"We had Mourning, Billy Owens, Kenny Anderson and many more stars and they were lucky to win the bronze," he said. "The world has caught up with our young players, but not with our mature, veteran players."

"I've got the best team and I don't want to make anything too complex," he added. "Our job is to play to our potential and if our potential is achieved, I think we'll beat anybody."

Victim's lawyer: Tyson lacks 'glimmer of remorse'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson has not demonstrated "even a glimmer of remorse," an attorney for the woman Tyson was convicted of raping said on Thursday.

The former heavyweight champion sent a letter earlier this month to the judge who presided over his 1992 rape trial. He asked that she reconsider her decision last month denying him an early release from prison.

Michael Weisman, who represents teen-age beauty contestant Desiree Washington, said the letter is an attempt on Tyson's part to justify "his violent act of rape."

"Mike Tyson's recent letter to the court displays a callous disregard for the trauma he inflicted on Ms. Washington," Weisman said in a statement.

In the letter to Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford, Tyson said he had apologized to Washington, but still denied committing any crime.

"I should not have expected a woman to come to my room late at night, not knowing her, and to expect her to have sex with me."

Tyson was sentenced in March 1992 to six years in prison after a jury convicted him of rape.

Richardson suffers from 'acute fatigue,' quits Yorkshire

LONDON (AP) — West Indies captain Richie Richardson has quit English county club Yorkshire and may be out of cricket for a year with mental exhaustion and fatigue.

Yorkshire canceled Richardson's contract by mutual consent and he will also miss the West Indies tour of India this winter.

The 32-year-old Antiguan played his last match for Yorkshire last week, hitting 38 in the three-wicket defeat by Gloucestershire.

"I have been extremely tired due to the pressures of continuous cricket, particularly as I have not had a good break for many years," he said.

"These problems have affected me both mentally and physically and I have found it very difficult to concentrate during a game. At times I have felt very fatigued and generally unwell."

"I have been conscious of my responsibilities to Yorkshire and my teammates and now I feel it is in the

best interest of all concerned for me to have a complete break."

Richardson was referred to a London specialist, who reported that he was suffering from "acute fatigue syndrome."

"We are naturally worried about the situation with Richie so his return to full fitness and health is our paramount concern," said Steve Camacho, chief executive of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control.

Richardson, with 5,445 runs in 76 Tests at the excellent average of 45.75, had been unable to match that form since joining Yorkshire last season.

He finished 81st in the county averages last season with 759 runs from 14 matches at 34.50 and so far this season was averaging only 32.53 with 488 runs in eight matches.

Yorkshire is expected to recruit a fast bowler next year, with South African Faure de Villiers an expected target.

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Tottenham signs Klinsmann

LONDON (Reuters) - German striker Juergen Klinsmann became Tottenham's second glamour capture of the week on Friday, signing for the London club for £2 million from French side Monaco.

Chairman Alan Sugar, holidaying on his yacht off the south of France, completed top-secret negotiations.

Klinsmann was 30 during the World Cup in the US, where he suffered the disappointment of quarter-final defeat by Bulgaria.

But he scored five goals in the finals, drawing attention as he had done four years earlier when he helped his country lift the World Cup in Rome.

His signing represents another coup for Sugar and manager Ossie Ardiles, who were later on Friday unveiling Romanian midfielder recruit Ilie Dumitrescu at White Hart Lane.

"Alan Sugar did the deal for Klinsmann in Monaco this morning," said club spokesman Nick Hewer. "The fee was £2 million and the player has signed a two-year deal."

Tottenham starts the new season minus six points, after being found guilty of making irregular payments to players.

They were also fined £1.5 million and banned from this season's Football Association Cup.

Sugar said: "Juergen is looking for a challenge and has decided it is Tottenham which interests him most."

Apart from also signing Dumitrescu from Steaua Bucharest, Tottenham has been chasing similarly-priced Brazilian defender Marcio Santos, of Bordeaux, and compatriot Muller, of Sao Paulo.

The activity may rub off on the bookmakers who last week were offering Tottenham at 125-1 for the Premier League title, conscious of the six-point handicap the club faces before a ball is kicked.

Klinsmann, 1988 European footballer of the year, began his career with Stuttgart Kickers. Later he played in Italy for Inter Milan, with whom he won the UEFA Cup in 1991.

The German, often criticized for his theatrical falling in and around the penalty area, moved to Real Madrid at the start of the 1992-93 season and then to Monaco.

His arrival at Spurs will reap a significant box-office return for the London club and its rivals, starting with Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on August 20.

Tottenham then faces home games against Everton and Manchester United in the space of four days.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Kenny Rogers pitched the 12th perfect game in modern Major League history, saved by a diving catch in the ninth inning Thursday night in the Texas Rangers' 4-0 victory over the California Angels.

Rogers (11-6), who became a full-time starter only last season, was helped when rookie center fielder Rusty Greer made a diving catch in right-center on Rex Hudler's leadoff liner in the ninth.

Rogers became the first left-hander to pitch a perfect game in the American League. It was the first perfect game since Dennis Martinez did it for Montreal exactly three years ago in a 2-0 win over Los Angeles.

The last perfect game in the AL was by Mike Witt for the Angels against Texas on September 30, 1984, the last day of the season.

Rogers struck out eight, four swinging and four looking. He went to a three-ball count seven times, including on four straight batters starting with two out in the sixth, but retired them all.

Rogers got a standing ovation from the crowd of 46,581 at The Ballpark when he took the mound to start the ninth.

Hudler fell behind 0-2, then sliced a liner to right-center. Greer ran in and over, dived and made a back-handed grab. Rogers got the last two outs without much trouble, retiring Chris Turner on a grounder to shortstop and Gary DiSarcina on a routine fly to Greer.

Before the ninth, the Angels hit only a couple of balls hard, but they went right to fielders. Turner lined out to Juan Gonzalez in left in the third and Hudler lined to Gonzalez in the sixth.

This was the third no-hitter of the season. Kent Mercker pitched one for Atlanta on April 8 at Los Angeles and Scott Erickson did it for Minnesota against Milwaukee on April 27.

Rogers, mixing his changeup with a fastball, pitched the fifth no-hitter in Texas history and the first since Nolan Ryan did it on May 1, 1991, against Toronto. The Angels were held hitless for the sixth time, the last time by Joe Cowley of Chicago on September 19, 1986.

After retiring DiSarcina, Rogers was mobbed near the mound. His teammates lifted him on their shoulders and he saluted the fans.

The no-hitter was the first at The Ballpark which opened this season. Rogers, 29, led the Rangers with 16 wins, a club record for a lefty. He went 16-10 last year, posting more wins (11) than any other AL pitcher after July 6.

Rogers had made 21 starts this season and had a 4.32 ERA. He had allowed 153 hits and 49 walks in 148 innings.

Yankees 5, Indians 2
In Friday action, a three-run fourth inning and a solid outing by Sterling Hitchcock sent host New York to its seventh straight win over Cleveland, snapping the Indians' three-game winning streak.

Albert Belle, who earlier in the day had his suspension for using a corked bat reduced from 10 days to six days, went 3-for-4 with his 34th home run for Cleveland.

Hitchcock (3-1) got the victory, with Steve Howe pitching the ninth for his 13th save. Charles Nagy (8-8) took the loss.

White Sox 5, Mariners 4
Alex Ramirez won his fifth game without a loss in July. The victory snapped host Chicago's four-game losing streak and sent Seattle to its fifth straight loss.

Maccabi TA gets Coleman

JOEL GORDIN

IT'S FINALLY official - Norris Coleman, Hapoel Jerusalem basketball star, will play this season for Maccabi Tel Aviv. The weeks of speculation and bitter argument between the two teams ended at the Jerusalem District Court on Friday when Judge Ya'acov Zemach ruled that Coleman can transfer to Maccabi.

Until Friday, a court order brought by Jerusalem had forbidden Coleman to even train with Maccabi.

The Coleman saga notwithstanding, 19-year-old playmaker Oded Katash has declined to sign this season with Maccabi and, instead, is going to Hapoel Galil Elyon. Katash, acknowledged to be one of the most promising young Israelis, originally belonged to Maccabi, but was loaned last season to Maccabi Ramat Gan.

Maccabi Tel Aviv wanted him back this season as a third playmaker (after Guy Goodes and Yisrael Elimelech). However, he has rejected Maccabi's offer and preferred Galil.

Texas's Rogers pitches perfect game



MR. PERFECT - Texas Ranger pitcher Kenny Rogers in action during his perfect game. (AP)

The win, coupled with Cleveland's loss to New York, moved the White Sox into a virtual first-place tie with the Indians in the AL Central.

Rookie Norberto Martin had three hits for Chicago and drove in two runs. His two-out single in the seventh inning broke a 4-4 tie.

Fernandez (11-7) gave up nine hits and four runs in 7 1/3 innings. Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Reds 4, Padres 1

Jeff Branson hit a two-run homer and Bret Boone went 3-for-4 with two RBIs as visiting Cincinnati moved into first place in the NL Central, one-half game ahead of Houston.

Pete Schatz (6-2) pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing one run on nine hits, with six strikeouts and one walk. Left Brantley pitched the final 2 1/3 innings for his 12th save, allowing just one hit.

Branson homered in the second inning off Andy Ashby (4-11), who has lost five straight starts and is 0-6 lifetime against Cincinnati.

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:
New York 5, Cleveland 2
Boston 7, Milwaukee 2
Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3
Oakland 6, Detroit 4
Chicago 5, Seattle 4
Toronto 4, Baltimore 3
Texas 5, California 3

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 6, Florida 4
New York 4, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago 3, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 4, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 7, Houston 5
San Francisco 5, Colorado 4

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Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2

Fred McGriff's two-run single capped a three-run fifth inning and Javier Lopez hit a two-run homer as the Phillies' four-game winning streak.

The rally kept Danny Jackson (13-5) from becoming the NL's second 14-game winner this year. Jackson gave up nine hits, walked two and struck out four in six innings.

Steve Avery (7-3) allowed six hits, walked none and fanned eight, five on called strike. It was his first complete game of the season.

Expos 8, Marlins 4
Visiting Montreal broke open a tie game with a four-run seventh inning on just two hits.

Larry Walker's single drove in Rondell White with the tie-breaking run. The Expos also scored on a walk, a hit batsman and Sean Berry's sacrifice fly, all with the bases loaded.

The Expos, who have won nine of 10 games, maintained a 2 1/2-game lead over Atlanta in the NL East. The Marlins lost their fourth in a row, all at home, and fell 12 games below .500 for the first time this season.

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
New York 4, Boston 3 (1st 11)
Boston 1, New York 6 (2nd)
Detroit 4, Seattle 2 (11)
Cleveland 7, Baltimore 2 (1st)
Cleveland 5, Baltimore 2 (2nd)
Milwaukee 5, Toronto 4
Kansas City 5, Chicago 3
Texas 4, California 0

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Colorado 5, San Francisco 1
Chicago 10, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 2 (10)

Dodgers 7, Astros 5

Delfino DeShields' three-run homer in the ninth gave NL West-leading Los Angeles the victory.

Dave Hansen singled with one out in the ninth off reliever John Tudsek (0-2), who walked Brett Butler with two outs. DeShields then drove a 2-1 pitch to right field for his second homer of the season, giving the Dodgers only their fourth victory in 15 games.

Giants 8, Rockies 4
Matt Williams drove in three runs to lead host San Francisco into second place in the NL West.

The Giants, who have won 15 of their last 19 games, moved past the Rockies and are one game behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Darryl Strawberry and John Patterson drove in two runs each to support Bud Blalock (1-1), who gave eight hits and four runs in 6 1/3 innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	61	38	.614	-
Atlanta	61	41	.598	2.5
Philadelphia	50	53	.483	14
New York	46	58	.445	18
Florida	45	57	.441	18.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	59	43	.573	-
Houston	59	44	.573	.5
Pittsburgh	48	54	.471	11
Milwaukee	46	55	.455	12
St. Louis	46	55	.455	12.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	50	52	.490	-
San Francisco	50	54	.481	1
Colorado	50	55	.476	1.5
San Diego	41	64	.390	10.5

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

National League

BATTING - T. Gwynn, San Diego, .386; Bagwell, Houston, .366; Morris, Cincinnati, .351; Alou, Montreal, .332; Piazza, Los Angeles, .327; Justice, Atlanta, .325; Corbin, Florida, .324.

RUNS - Bagwell, Houston, 95; Grissom, Montreal, 82; Biggio, Houston, 80; Bonds, San Francisco, 80; Galarraga, Colorado, 77; Lankford, St. Louis, 76; Alou, Montreal, 71; Bichette, Colorado, 71.

RBIs - Bagwell, Houston, 104; Bichette, Colorado, 93; Piazza, Los Angeles, 85; McWilliams, San Francisco, 85; Galarraga, Colorado, 82; McGriff, Atlanta, 78; Morris, Cincinnati, 75; Lankford, Montreal, 75.

HITS - T. Gwynn, San Diego, 144; Morris, Cincinnati, 139; Bichette, Colorado, 137; Bagwell, Houston, 133; Galarraga, Colorado, 133; Corbin, Florida, 123; Alou, Montreal, 125.

HOME RUNS - McWilliams, San Francisco, 36; Bagwell, Houston, 35; Bonds, San Francisco, 31; Galarraga, Colorado, 31; McGriff, Atlanta, 27; Bichette, Colorado, 26; Mitchell, Cincinnati, 26.

STOLEN BASES - D. Sanders, Cincinnati, 36; Grissom, Montreal, 33; Biggio, Houston, 32; Carr, Florida, 30; D. Lewis, San Francisco, 27; Mouton, Houston, 23; Clayton, San Francisco, 23; DeShields, Los Angeles, 23; Lankford, Cincinnati, 22.

PITCHING (11 Decisions) - Freeman, Colorado, 10-2, 8.33, 2.90; Mardner, Atlanta, 9-3, .750, 3.57; Sabershen, New York, 12-4, .750, 2.86; Kubi, Montreal, 14-5, .737, 3.15; D. Jackson, Philadelphia, 13-5, .722, 3.42; Rito, Cincinnati, 8-4, .692, 3.28; GMaddux, Atlanta, 13-5, .684, 1.68.

STRIKEOUTS - Benes, San Diego, 168; Rijo, Cincinnati, 141; GMaddux, Atlanta, 137; Glavine, Atlanta, 128; Sabershen, New York, 125; P. Martinez, Montreal, 124; Fassero, Montreal, 119.

SAVES - D. Jones, Philadelphia, 26; Franco, New York, 26; Rock, San Francisco, 24; McMichael, Atlanta, 20; Wetteland, Montreal, 20; Myers, Chicago, 20; Hudak, Houston, 16; Brulin, Colorado, 16.

American League

BATTING - Thomas, Chicago, .365; Lofton, Cleveland, .357; O'Neill, New York, .357; Belle, Cleveland, .356; Molitor, Toronto, .345; Boggs, New York, .337; W. Clark, Texas, .328; Cowley, Chicago, .325.

RUNS - Thomas, Chicago, 99; Lofton, Cleveland, 95; Canseco, Texas, 85; Belle, Cleveland, 84; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 82; Phillips, Detroit, 79; Molitor, Toronto, 77.

RBIs - Belle, Cleveland, 98; Puckett, Minnesota, 94; Carter, Toronto, 94; Thomas, Chicago, 91; Franco, Chicago, 87; Canseco, Texas, 85; Sierra, Oakland, 83.

HITS - Lofton, Cleveland, 140; Belle, Cleveland, 139; Molitor, Toronto, 138; Thomas, Chicago, 131; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 127; Baerga, Cleveland, 126; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 125; Franco, Chicago, 125.

HOME RUNS - Canseco, Texas, 36; Thomas, Chicago, 35; Belle, Cleveland, 34; Canseco, Texas, 29; Fielder, Detroit, 26; M. Vaughn, Boston, 24; Carter, Toronto, 23.

STOLEN BASES - Lofton, Cleveland, 54; Coleman, Kansas City, 48; Morris, Boston, 38; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 28; McPhee, Kansas City, 28; B. Anderson, Baltimore, 27; A. Cole, Minnesota, 25.

PITCHING (11 Decisions) - Ben, Chicago, 10-2, 3.68; Kay, New York, 10-3, 3.45; Schuler, Detroit, 8-2, 3.18; 3.72; Cone, Kansas City, 15-4, .789, 2.74; M. Clark, Cleveland, 11-3, .786, 3.82; Mussina, Baltimore, 14-5, .737, 3.24; M. Perez, New York, 8-3, .727, 3.70; Wegman, Milwaukee, 8-3, Texas, 117.

STRIKEOUTS - F. Johnson, Seattle, 183; Clemens, Boston, 152; Finley, California, 134; Hentgen, Toronto, 130; Appler, Kansas City, 128; Cone, Kansas City, 120; Rogers, Texas, 117.

SAVES - LaSmith, Baltimore, 31; Montgomerie, Kansas City, 23; Aguilera, Minnesota, 21; Eckersley, Oakland, 17; Russell, Cleveland, 16; Ayala, Seattle, 15; Fetters, Milwaukee, 14.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	62	38	.620	-
Baltimore	55	45	.550	7
Boston	50	51	.490	12.5
Toronto	48	53	.475	14.5
Detroit	46	56	.451	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	59	41	.590	-
Chicago	60	42	.588	-
Kansas City	56	47	.544	4.5
Minnesota	48	54	.475	12.5
St. Paul	47	54	.465	12.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Atherton resolved to remain as cricket captain

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Mike Atherton, who considered quitting as England cricket captain following the dirt-in-the-pocket controversy, said on Friday he would continue to lead his country.

Atherton announced his decision after calls by the British press for his resignation in the wake of an incident while he was fielding on the third day of the first Test against South Africa at Lord's last Saturday.

The England skipper was shown on television rubbing his hand in his trouser pocket and then rubbing the ball before handing it to fast bowler Darren Gough.

Atherton originally denied any wrongdoing but later admitted having dirt in his pocket, taken from a bare patch on the field, to dry the ball.

Atherton, just returned from a short break, said at a news conference at his county Lancashire's Old Trafford headquarters: "I had considered resigning, but the reason I have not done so is because in my own mind I'm clear that my intentions and actions were trustworthy."

"If I did resign the only reason for doing so would be due to the press and media clamor and I do not think that is the right reason."

"I repeat that at no time during my career have I cheated or attempted to cheat and nor did I do so on this occasion."

When the incident was captured by TV cameras and an investigation fol-

lowed, International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee Peter Burge ruled Atherton had done "nothing untoward."

However, Atherton's difficulties were compounded by the fact that he did not initially tell Burge, the former Australian Test batsman, about the dirt in his pocket.

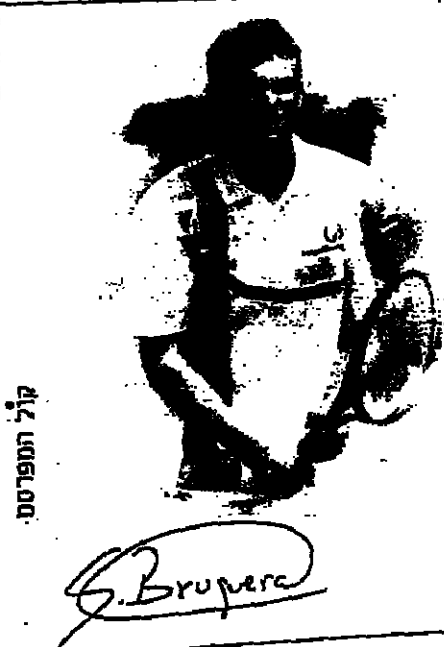
When he revealed this aspect of the affair immediately after England's 356-run defeat last Sunday, chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth fined Atherton £2,000 for using the dirt and for not giving a full explanation at the first opportunity to Burge.

Illingworth and senior Test and County Cricket Board (CCB) officials subsequently supported Atherton during the rumpus that followed.

Atherton, in a prepared statement at the news conference, spoke of his "foolishness" in not telling Burge of the dirt in his pocket when the match referee was making his investigation at the close of play last Saturday.

"Thinking back to that meeting, I gave my response without considering the consequences and believing that I had done nothing improper, but not wishing to raise any suspicions about my actions," said England's captain.

"I cannot turn the clock back, but I fully accept that on this occasion I was thoughtless and should have given him the full picture. I have apologized to Peter Burge and that apology has been fully accepted."

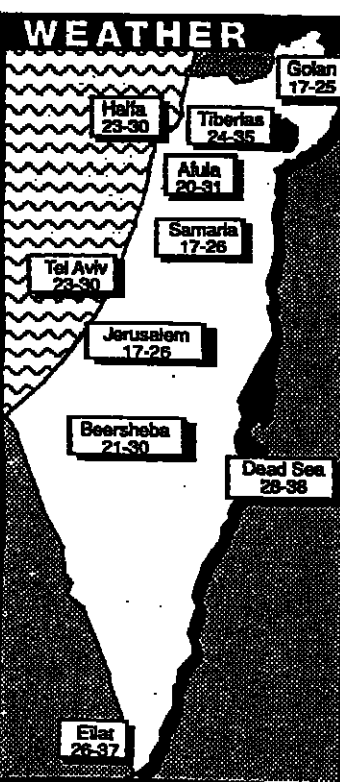


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FIRE FLIGHTS

24 Hours Flight Information Service: Arrivals only, 03-9731111 (Hebrew), 03-9731122 (English).

CRITIC'S CHOICE

ICE SHOW

HELEN KAYE

MICKEY Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and a host of other familiar and favorite Disney characters, 100 performers in all, are visiting in *Walt Disney's World on Ice*, a skating extravaganza for the whole family. Meet the Sorcerer's Apprentice from *Fantasia*, and marvel at the giant beanstalk and a magic video machine. All this color, costume and dazzle on ice at the Yad Elyahu sports stadium tonight at 6:30 and for the next two weeks until August 13.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

IT'S been a perfectly rotten day for actor Jimmy (Lior Ashkenazi). He's fudged his audition, been fired from his job, he's been burgled twice, his girlfriend has walked out, and, oh, *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead*. James Kirkwood's frantic comedy catches Jimmy in the middle of burglary no. 3 and what happens to poor Vito (Nati Ravitz) is the result of all that frustration. Director Ami Dayan's deft pacing keeps the humor online. Tonight at ZOA House at 8:30. (Hebrew)

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

If you grew up with the Asterix comic books, the animated series about the pugnacious little Gaul with gall, and his lummoxy buddy Obelix at 3:30 on Channel 1 will be a trip down memory lane. If you've never heard of Asterix, tune in to find out why Caesar didn't conquer all he saw.

In the evening turn to the New Channel 2 for more adventures with Rowan Atkinson's clumsy comic character Mr. Bean. *The Return of Mr. Bean* is at 7:30.

Much later on the same channel there's the return of the top British cop series *The Bill*. The British press gave it rave reviews, saying it was the



Walt Disney's World on Ice comes to the Yad Elyahu sports stadium.

most realistic police show, with great human stories and terrific ensemble acting. See what you think by tuning to the New Channel 2 at midnight.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Keshet Eilon masterclasses continue this week. Today's class (5-6:30) is directed by Marit Rajamaki; tomorrow's by Arthur Zisserman; Tuesday, Erez Ofer; and Wednesday (11 a.m.), David Chen. All are open to the public.

This week's masterclasses at the summer opera workshop of the New Israeli Opera and the Israel Vocal Arts Institute are conducted by Federico Davis tomorrow, and renowned baritone Sherrill Milnes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All at 7 at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.

CINEMA

7:15 * Blank Check 11 a.m. 4:45, 7:15

9:15 * Sidekicks 11 a.m. 4:45

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TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Cartoon 7:00

Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Moomins - cartoon 8:25 Mrs. Pepper - cartoon 8:35 Nitznuzim - cartoon

series 9:00 Animal Adventures 9:10 Mother Goose - cartoon 9:30 Discoveries Unlimited 10:00 Family Relations

10:30 Just the Ten of Us 11:00 Summer Fun 12:30 Young Riders - adventure series takes place in the Wild

West of 1880 13:30 Mystery House (part 2) 14:00 Rahov Sumsam 14:30 Dolphy

- cartoon series 15:00 Morn P.I.

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Asterix - cartoon series based on the comic character 16:00 News update

16:05 Asterix (cont'd) 16:45 UFO Coming - program on road safety 17:00

A New Evening 17:30 Tosses - special program on peace 17:55 Video Clips

18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 As Is Said - tables 18:45 Innovations and inventions 19:00 News in Arabic

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Mac. TA officials mistakenly held for London, Buenos Aires attacks

News agencies

MACABBI Tel Aviv basketball team coach Avraham Grant, club manager Shimon Korek and two travel companions were mistakenly arrested in Amsterdam Friday on suspicion of involvement in the Buenos Aires and London bombings.

"It was a very sad joke," Grant said after being released. "We won't tolerate such a humiliation."

Police said they held the four, three men and a woman, after a 39-year-old British passenger on their KLM flight from London told cabin crew that the woman resembled an identity picture issued by British police after the attacks.

Shortly after his release, Grant spoke with Army Radio from Holland. "We arrived in Amsterdam on a flight from Iceland with a stopover in London. When we got off the plane,

police arrested us without explaining why. They carefully examined our bodies and belongings, and then, in a most humiliating manner, led us through the airport to interrogation rooms.

"They did not allow us to explain who we were or to make any telephone calls. Only after three hours, a policeman entered the room and said we were suspects in the bombings in London and Buenos Aires," said Grant.

"We asked the policeman if he knew we were Israelis and he said 'yes'. We told him we were known personalities in Israel, but nothing helped."

He said he could not understand why police did not check their plane tickets to see that they had just made a stopover in London.

"After consultation with the public prosecutor, the four were allowed to continue their journey," police spokesman Alek de Jong told Reuters. He would not say where they

were headed, or what led to their release. He said their questioning included checks on their movements before they boarded the airliner in London.

Goren: Diaspora Jews wary of attacks can remove mezuzas

DIASPORA Jews wary of terror attacks after the recent series of bombings may remove mezuzas from their outer doorposts, former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren said Friday.

Goren said recent circumstances made it permissible to move the totems to the inner doorpost.

His comments drew criticism from Haifa Chief Rabbi Shmuel Rabin, who was quoted by him as saying that "despite the danger, Jews must not hide their identity."

Goren said the flexibility with Halacha applied only to buildings, as most of the attacks have used car bombs parked outside Jewish or Israeli institutions.

Observant Jewish men should continue to wear the skullcaps that identify them as Jewish, he said.

Four youths indicted for sexually abusing cellmate

THE Tel Aviv District Court on Friday indicted four youths for sexually assaulting and otherwise abusing a religious youth in the Abu Kabir lockup two weeks ago.

According to the charge sheet, the four - aged 16 and 17 - attacked the 16-year-old haredi boy in their youth wing cell, because they suspected he told police they had committed a series of thefts and burglaries. The haredi youth had been arrested on suspicion of similar crimes and the five shared the same cell.

The indictment states that, on the night of July 17, the four began mistreating the plaintiff by spitting on him, then throwing burning pieces of plastic bags on him. One of the youths then set his kippa on fire.

The next day, the charge sheet states, the four made the other youth clean their shoes with his shirt. After this, one of the four sodomized the

youth while threatening to stab him. Afterwards, the assailant used a tattooing needle to carve the victim's initials in the victim's arm.

The next night, the indictment states, one of the four forcefully took the victim's wristwatch and then made him sit on the cell's toilet while he urinated on him. During all the abuse, the assailants warned their victim they would "finish him" if he cried out.

This second assailant then sodomized the victim, while the others whipped him about the head with a rubber floor squeegee, the charge sheet states. Other acts of brutality included forcing him to eat cigarette butts and hard-boiled eggs with their shells. One assailant shoved a lit cigarette into his mouth, burning his lips and tongue.

The four are also accused of playing a "game" with the victim which

consisted of systematically hitting him on the head and kicking his abdomen. In one variation of the game, they tied his hands and legs and demanded that he dance while they kicked him, put out burning cigarettes on his body, and attack him with their shoes.

The charges state the four tied strips torn from a sheet to the victim's ears and fingers and set them on fire, urinated on him several more times, forced him to relieve himself inside his own clothes, and made him wrap himself in a urine-soaked sheet. At one point during that same night they set his hair on fire.

The district attorney asked the court to remand the four till the end of proceedings against them, stating they are dangerous to the public in general and to the plaintiff in particular. The court is to decide remand request on August 1.

More arrests in oil refinery thefts

THE investigation into the theft of gasoline from the Haifa oil refineries is broadening, it was revealed in Haifa Magistrates Court on Friday.

At the court, a tank truck driver at the refineries was remanded for 10 days.

Ayal Schwartz, 33, of Rishon LeZion, was arrested following the arrest of a shipping clerk at the refinery.

The clerk is suspected of making contact with tank truck drivers in order to send out large, unrecorded quantities of fuel from the refineries. Another driver was arrested last week.

Police suspect that the case involves the theft of hundreds of thousands of liters of gasoline. As many as 10 drivers may be involved.

Eda Haredit declares war on archeologists, Ben-Yair

THE Eda Haredit intends to launch an all-out war against archeologists and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, senior Eda Haredit officials said Friday. The threat follows Ben-Yair's decision to allow archeologists to unearth and examine graves at excavation sites before transferring bones to the Religious Affairs Ministry.

The group has planned a massive demonstration for Tuesday at Jerusalem's Shabbat Square. Thousands of haredim, including prominent rabbis are expected to attend the protest.

"The state of Israel is the only one in which graves are overturned and damaged under the guise of science," said Yehuda Meshi-Zahav of the Eda Haredit.

As a result of Ben-Yair's decision, he said, archeologists intend to conduct excavations next week at Modi'in. Haredim also plan to demonstrate at the Israeli Embassy in Washington on Tuesday at the same time as the Jerusalem protest. (Itim)

Workers close Ofakim plant

DOZENS of workers at the H.H. Electronics firm in Ofakim, which produces transformers and parts of fluorescent bulbs, shut down production on Thursday and barricaded themselves inside the factory, protesting the non-payment of their salaries for three months.

Production engineer Arik Greenberg said, "This is not the first time management has delayed payment of our salaries or has not transferred the payments for social benefits, but it has never happened that it dragged on for three months."

Amir Rozenblit

Humor, hope keep team in Rwanda pushing on

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

AS the sounds of Shabbat prayers floated out of the makeshift synagogue set up by the Israeli medical team working at the refugee camp in Goma, Zaire, Israeli doctors were operating on a new mother of twins.

The woman was suffering from a severe infection because the babies' placenta had not been removed after the birth several days before.

"She was nearly dead, like a corpse nursing a child on each withered breast, and we saved her. I cried," said Dr. Hezi Levy, an army surgeon.

The attempt to create a Shabbat atmosphere could not push away the smell of death that permeates the city and the camp, where the Israeli team has worked from dawn until past dusk for nearly a week. By week's end, the team of the IDF field hospital had saved at least 300 lives.

"Three hundred patients are a drop in the bucket, but even so, it's 300 people," said Lt.-Col. Shmuel Shapira.

Some of the officers and medics are using humor to make the best of the catastrophe. While many of them scoff at the comparison of the unit with the popular American TV show M*A*S*H, the head nurse is nicknamed "Hot Lips" and black humor abounds.

"Attention, attention," the camp loudspeaker crackled. "Whoever has not yet taken his cholera pill is requested to report to the medic now."

"What, there's cholera here?,"

joked Dorit Kurtz, a registered nurse in charge of the so-called children's ward - a field tent with the sides rolled up and IVs dripping into over 30 children lying in stretchers.

One patient, Isako, thought to be about seven years old, is missing again, perhaps fallen into the latrine like before.

"Did you lose something?" asks Lt.-Col. Itamar Shavit, carrying the boy in his arms and back to his cot. The staff's laughter borders on hysterics. The boy's occasional flights are a sign he's strengthening.

"Get to work," orders Maj. Nila "Hot Lips" Marx, the head nurse who said her father gave her the nickname of her counterpart in M*A*S*H during the Lebanon War. Doctors tease her and try to get her to take a drink in honor of another tent set up with 30 more beds.

On Friday morning, the Zairean chief of staff visited the hospital to receive a report on its activities. The general, who had been an ambassador to Israel for five years, said, "During the tough moments, we see who our real friends are, who comes and offers assistance. I hope that this is an opening for renewing and strengthening the ties between Zaire and Israel."

Aided by interpreters, the doctors sort out the sick as they come into the hospital and send them to the different "departments." A mobile laboratory and X-ray unit aid in diagnosis. The suffering around the soldiers



An Israeli medical staffer tends to a young patient in the field hospital near Goma, Zaire.

(Offer Letter/IDF Spokesman)

takes its toll. "Death is not something I haven't seen. But this amount of suffering seeps into our souls and we will never forget it," said Maj. Ilan Malkai, 29, the unit's medical operations officer.

"They are beyond despair. It's very rare for them to thank you. They come from hell, we treat them, and they go on. I tried to learn to say in their language 'you are released home' but they aren't going home," said Maj. Amnon Mordele.

But amid the misery, joy arrived in the form of a newborn doctors man-

aged to resuscitate last week. They proudly sent her and the mother on their way with a pack of diapers and a supply of powdered milk.

She returned in gratitude the next morning to tell them she'd named the baby Reut Israel, after the town of Reut, where a number of the staffers live.

Asked if he was tired from the endless daily work, one staffer said: "The hope and the smiles on the patients and on those who have recovered are what give us the strength to go on."

Bill would cut off Knesset debate at 10 p.m.

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE ministerial committee on legislation on Friday decided to support a private member's bill submitted by Yitad MK Esther Salomovitz that would require plenary debates to end by 10 p.m., after Justice Minister David Liba'i expressed support for the bill.

Liba'i told the committee that the time has come for the Knesset to reexamine the work hours of the plenum. He said night debates should be limited, except for the annual debate on the state budget.

The committee also decided to support a private member's bill by MKs Dedi Zucker (Meretz) and Hagai Merom (Labor) that would exclude parliamentary immunity from applying to traffic offenses or administrative violations, the penalty for which is a fine.

The Zucker-Merom bill would also require an MK convicted of a crime which the court has defined as bearing public disgrace to lose his or her seat from the date the court ruling is

given. Liba'i said that, although the government generally does not take a position on questions of parliamentary immunity, in this case he supports the bill.

A third bill discussed by the committee was a private member's bill submitted by Salomovitz that would bar a person convicted of a crime bearing public disgrace from running for the Knesset.

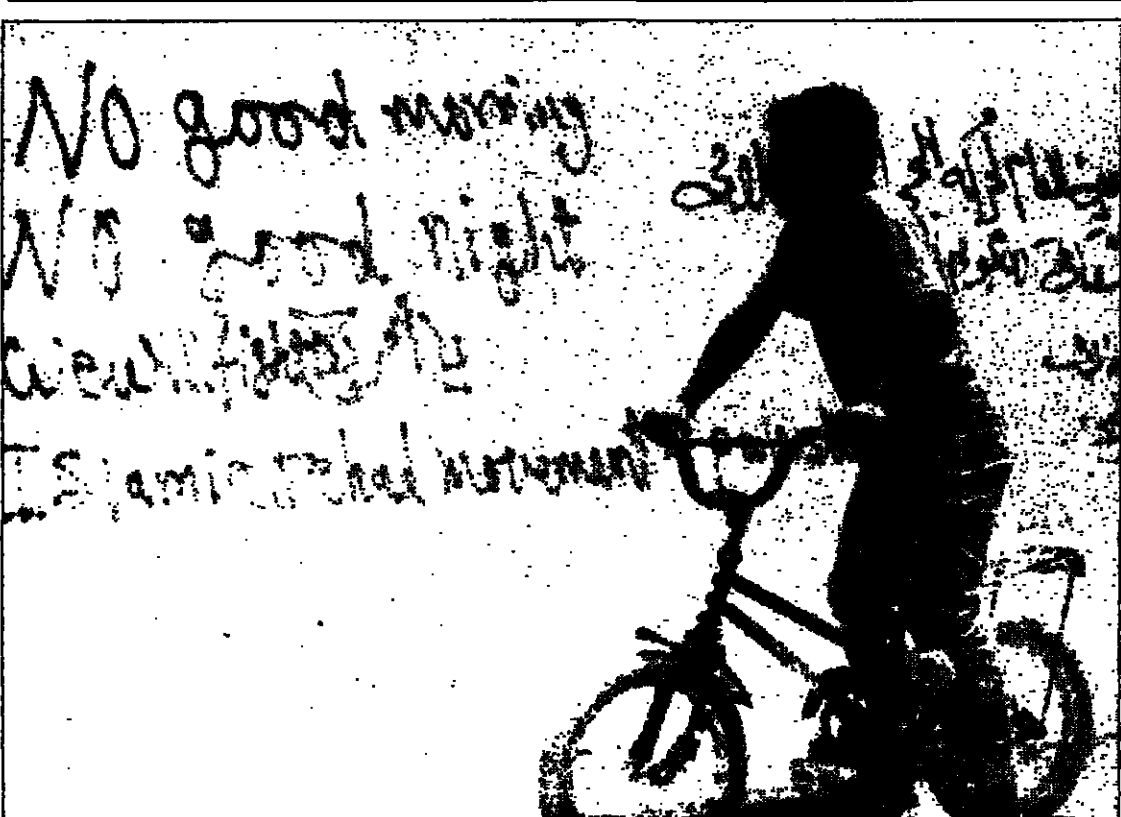
"An elected representative should act in accordance with a high ethical standard and serve as an example to the entire public," Salomovitz told the committee. She pointed out that, under today's law, even a prisoner serving a life sentence may be a candidate for the Knesset.

Backed-up court eases terms of suspect's house arrest

A TEL AVIV District Court judge decided on Friday to ease the terms of the house arrest of a man whose trial is scheduled to take place at the end of the year.

Judge Amnon Strashnov ruled that Avraham Sheerit, 53, must remain at his mother's Mevaseret home from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. only. Avraham has been under house arrest since being released from prison last November.

"The sad fact that the court system is totally clogged to the point which trials cannot be quickly held, does not, under any circumstances justify harming the civil rights of someone who has not yet been proven guilty," wrote Strashnov. (Itim)



A Palestinian youth in Gaza City stops his bicycle on Friday to read an opposition slogan sprayed on a wall by the Islamic Jihad movement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Young cancer victims head for US summer camp

Forty children who suffer from cancer left yesterday for the US, where they will take part in a three-week summer camp in the Catskill Mountains in New York.

The youngsters are guests of Chai Lifeline, a US-based Jewish organization. The annual summer camp brings together young cancer victims from Israel, US and Europe who are carefully chosen by their doctors and social workers. The camp has an ambulance and helicopter on duty to evacuate for treatment any child who needs it.

New passenger record at Ben-Gurion Airport

Some 33,700 travelers passed through Ben-Gurion Airport in 223 flights on Thursday, setting a new passenger record for passengers processed in one day.

The previous record was set during Pessah this year, when 31,500 travelers passed through the airport. The number of people traveling through Ben-Gurion has increased 18 percent this year. Officials said they expect more new records to be set in the next few months. (Itim)

Haredim riot on Bar-Ilan Street

Dozens of haredim threw rocks and bottles at police last night on Rehov Bar-Ilan, to protest the street's remaining open to traffic on Shabbat.

At about 6 p.m. the haredim began to gather on the street. Police arrived to prevent the outbreak of any riots, but arrested one man who threw a rock at a police car. In response, dozens of haredim began throwing rocks and bottles. Police eventually dispersed the rioters. (Itim)

Three policemen hurt in scuffle with suspects

Three policemen and a Civil Guard volunteer were hurt early Friday morning in Ramat Hasharon, when they tussled with two men breaking into a car. During the clash, one of the suspects bit the ear of one of the policemen. The second policeman suffered bruises, while the volunteer suffered a head injury. (Itim)

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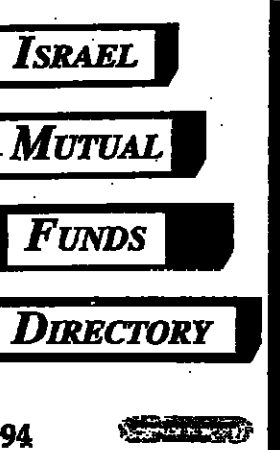
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